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Thu 2000 WBCQ 7415 9330-CUSB?

Fri 0130 WRMI 9955
Fri 1530 WRMI 9955
Fri 2130 WWCR1 7465

Sat 0900 IPAR/IRRS/NEXUS/IBA 9510 [second, fourth, fifth Sats]
Sat 0900 WRMI 9955
Sat 1430 WRMI 9955
Sat 1730 WWCR3 12160
Sat 1900 IPAR/IRRS/NEXUS/IBA 6170
Sat 2000 WRMI 9955

Sun 0330 WWCR3 4775 ex-5070 tfn
Sun 0730 WWCR1 3215
Sun 0900 WRMI 9955
Sun 1615 WRMI 9955
Sun 2000 WRMI 9955

Tue 1630 WRMI 9955
Tue 2000 WBCQ 7415 9330-CUSB?

Wed 0230 WRMI 9955
Wed 1630 WRMI 9955

Wed 2000 WBCQ 7415 9330-CUSB?

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** AFGHANISTAN [non]. "Voices from Afghanistan"

Radio Azadi exhibit at the Library of Congress:
http://blogs.loc.gov/loc/2010/02/write-to-the-request-line/

Blog: http://www.poetryhut.com/wordpress/
Jazz: http://cdbaby.com/cd/dybka
Book: http://stores.lulu.com/jilly9 (free download)

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(Jilly Dybka, WA4CZD, Feb 24, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Decorated letters from ninth-grade girl fans of station (gh, DXLD)

More:

http://blogs.rnw.nl/medianetwork/voices-from-afghanistan-exhibition-opens-at-the-library-of-congress
(via DXLD)

** ANGOLA. 4949.8, RNA-Canal "A", Mulenvos, 2225-, 21 Feb'10, Portuguese (presumed), talks, music, but everything so weak as if they were putting an empty carrier. What on earth are they doing with the modulation/audio - saving the modulator stage? 73, (Carlos GonÁalves, PORTUGAL, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ARGENTINA. 1650, LRI-227, Antares AM 1650, "La Radio de la Familia" inaugurated their new broadcast studios in December 2009. They are located at Calle Cjal. Manuel Martitegui 598, F·tima, Pilar, Buenos Aires. Telephone (02322) 49-9899. The station is operated by Radio Familia S.A. with SeÒor Norberto Eugenio Chindemi as its CEO. The station transmits with 1/0.5 kW of power and is fully licensed (Marcelo A. Cornachioni, Lomas de Zamora and Arnaldo Slaen via Christer Brunstrˆm, ARC South American News Desk, Feb, via Tore Larsson, DXLD) What does Cjal. abbr.? And should be Marti·tegui?

** ARGENTINA. 6060, R. Nacional, General Pacheco, 2231-2246, 21 Feb'10, Castilian, f/ball match report, Argentina J˙nior vs. AtlÈtico de Tucum·n; 45433. 73, (Carlos GonÁalves, PORTUGAL, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

11710.62, RAE, 0240-0255, Feb 19, English talk. Lite Spanish music. Poor. Weak, slightly wobbly carrier (Brian Alexander, PA, DX Listening Digest)

RAE Buenos Aires is now using nominal 15345 for its foreign language broadcasts, with nominal 11710 not heard the past 2 days. As I write this, 0210 UT 24 February, English is heard with very good reception on 15345.36 kHz. The previous day the frequency was 15345.14 kHz. English is scheduled at 0200, French from 0300 (after an attractive and lengthy rendition of the Argentine National Anthem).

With no interference from adjacent or nominal 15345, this is the best reception I have had of the English service from RAE in some time (Bryan Clark, Mangawhai, New Zealand, AOR7030+ and EWEs to NE, E & SE, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1501, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** AUSTRALIA. 2368.484, 15.2 1918, Radio Symban in parallel with their webstream http://www.radiosymban.com.au/ Heard for the first time Feb 7 but with very weak audio. This day weak but clear with Greek music. Best reception just before 1930. See Perseus print screens below. The carrier is drifting slowly within 1.5 Hz, which is clearly exposed at AHK website http://dxperseus.blogspot.com/ during a longer recording (Thomas Nilsson, Sweden, SW Bulletin Feb 21 via DXLD)

2368.5, 13.2 1740, Radio Symban med program pÂ grekiska. Svag men tydbar. QSA 2 JE (Jan Edh, Sweden, ibid.)

2368.49, R. Symban (presumed), 1205-1227 about an equal mix of talk by M and music. Just wasn't strong enough to determine the language or music style. However, it appears it would correspond with the "Mesimeriana Bleximata" dedication program hosted by Dimitris that's supposed to be aired at this time. I think I could have had a readable copy on it at the micro-DXpedition site. It should eventually make it in the next month or so. (19 Feb) 73 (Dave Valko, Dunlo PA, HCDX via DXLD)

20/2: I avvaktan pÂ att v%derhelvetet ska braka loss med %nnu v%rre fˆrhÂllanden, just nu "andas" vi med -14, klar himmel och iskall hÂrd blÂst och efter en fˆrf%rlig gÂrdag kan jag gl%dja mig Ât fˆrsta kortvÂgs-qslet pÂ v%ldigt l%nge. Radio Symban 3268,5. Email. V/s Tom Tsamouras, l%rare som jobbar Ât stationen sedan tolv Âr. (Jan Edh, Sweden, SW Bulletin Feb 21 via DXLD)

20/2: Waiting for the bad weather to break in with even worse conditions, just now we are breathing in -14 C, clear sky and ice cold hard wind and after a dreadful yesterday weather like I can enjoy my first shortwave QSL for a very long time, Radio Symban 2368.5. Email. V/s Tom Tsamouras, a teacher working for the station since twelve years. Jan Edh (translated by SWB editor Thomas Nilsson for DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Re 10-07: QSL for Radio Symban to a Smith in Massachusetts:

Hi mate. That`s Bill Smith, try Douglas MA. Also he is an amateur W1OW. He sent me a picture of his QTH. Holey dooley, what a setup, a huge mast. Really picturesq, setting looks like he has the room to stick in some serious antennae, like the huge mast. Believe he heard Symban early December. The guy sent me maps as I earlier advised; this Bill Smith knows his stuff, the postcard/QSL card of his picturesq setting, gives way that he lives in a rural area. The mast looks like a professional set up, not some cheap Radio Shack giveme.

Also getting some more signal reports from Finland on Symban. Also Dave Valko about hearing Symban, I don`t know where he lives [Dunlo, Pennsylvania or vicinity]. Looks like the signal is getting out to the USA.

Shame that you have some ute on the frequency, although one day I am sure something will give, and you'll end up with a Symban logging. Cheers (Johno Wright, NSW, Symban QSL manager, Feb 25, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** AUSTRALIA. VL8 check Feb 19 at 1320: talk audible on 2310, but only weaker carrier on 2325, still weaker on 2485. Nothing detectable on 2368.5 R. Symban, which QSL manager Johno Wright says has powered up almost to 1 kW; but is it on the air constantly now? (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** AUSTRALIA [non]. 15655, 23/Feb 0112, PALAU, R Australia, in Burmese. Relay broadcast via Koror. YL seems interviewing a woman. 0115 UT ID by OM. 0116 UT YL speaks again. Recorded. 35433. 73 (Jorge Freitas, Feira de Santana Bahia, Brasil, Degen 1103 Dipole antenna, 19 meters - east/west - Balun 4:1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** AUSTRIA. Re: Wien MW transmitter to be demolished -- live on TV

The demolition will take place on Wednesday, Feb 24. The 1476 kHz mast will be blown up at about 1100 UT, the 585 kHz mast at about 1400 UT.

Both demolitions will be broadcast live (starting at 1050 and 1350, respectively) by TW 1, which is available free-to-air via 19.2 deg. East on Astra 1H, 12.663 GHz h.
http://blog.ors.at/stories/abtragung-der-masten-am-bisamberg/
(Kai Ludwig, Germany, Feb 22, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BAHRAIN. 9745-USB, R. Bahrain at 2141 UT. Segued Middle Eastern vocals with accompaniment by uds [ouds] and other instruments. Weak with QSB; audio seemed to fade up and down at times. Announcement at 2200 UT by man just before being completely blocked by co-channel CVC s/on. Heard Feb. 8 and 9 but not since (Bob Hill-MA-USA, DXplorer Feb 14 via BC-DX 20 Feb via DXLD)

6010, Radio Bahrain confirm still active, but can catch their weak signal only from 1700 to 1755 UT in the CNR silent period. Usual Western DJ type programme on 6010 kHz (Victor Goonetilleke, Sri Lanka, 4S7VK, DXplorer Feb 13, ibid.)

** BELGIUM. Since RTBF and VRT are gone from SWBC, we must try other bands to DX this diminished country. After hearing SP1NL on 21290-USB, see POLAND, Feb 20 at 1442 I was getting another station saying ``oscar radio two radio`` several times, presumably meant to imply that was his own callsign and he wished to talk to someone else, probably not Poland due to skip distance. Later gave his name as John, which fits QRZ.com: OR2R, John Lauryssen, Rotenaard 14, B-2650 Edegem, Belgium. BTW, the fonetik for R is Romeo, if for O you say Oscar (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BELGIUM [non]. Some TDP changes:

TDP Radio Dance Music in DRM from Feb. 8:
0700-0800 on 17755 DRW 125 kW / 317 deg to SEAs Daily, cancelled
0700-0800 on 6015 ISS 035 kW / 060 deg to WeEu Mon, ex 0800-0900
0800-0900 on 6015 ISS 035 kW / 060 deg to WeEu Tue, ex 0900-1000
0900-1000 on 6015 ISS 035 kW / 060 deg to WeEu Wed, ex 1000-1100
1000-1100 on 6015 ISS 035 kW / 060 deg to WeEu Thu, ex 1100-1200
1100-1200 on 6015 ISS 035 kW / 060 deg to WeEu Fri, ex 1200-1300
1200-1300 on 6015 ISS 035 kW / 060 deg to WeEu Sat, ex 1300-1400
1300-1400 on 6015 ISS 035 kW / 060 deg to WeEu Sun, ex 1400-1500
1500-1600 on 6015 ISS 035 kW / 060 deg to WeEu Daily, cancelled
1900-2000 on 17755 GUF 100 kW / 311 deg to NoAm Daily, new txion

The Disco Palace in DRM, new station from Feb. 8
1400-1500 on 6015 ISS 035 kW / 060 deg to WeEu Daily
2000-2100 on 17755 GUF 100 kW / 311 deg to NoAm Daily
(DX Mix News, Bulgaria, Feb 22 via DXLD)

** BRAZIL. 4985, R. Brasil Central, Goi,nia GO, 2313-2334, 20 Feb'10, music program "Ritmos de Todos os Tempos", advertisements, chatter about their 60th anniversary; 45433; \\ 11815 good. 73, (Carlos GonÁalves, PORTUGAL, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BRAZIL. The 25 mb was hopping with stations Feb 21 at 0714-0730+, led in strength by RNA 11780, of course, with promo at 0727 ``Carnaval no Brasil È Nacional`` implying congruity, a somewhat excessive claim bound to be disputed by countless other stations and entities.

11815 was next, R. Brasil Central, with live DJ talk and music. I was wanting to catch a definite timecheck from any of them confirming that DST has just ended in the Brasilian states where it had been reigning, but at 0717 they said it was 2:17 in Miami; yeah, so?? 0723 with some great music involving harmonica; 0730 greeting listeners around the country.

11925v, R. Bandeirantes also with live programming, and a TC I could not copy precisely. Not as strong as it often is.

11765, SRDA Curitiba, had wacky wailing preacher David Miranda, oblivious to Carnaval as he is to any remnant of reality. Well atop a bit of CCI, no doubt BBC English, 27 degrees from Ascension.

11749.9 weaker, mostly music from another transmitter turned over to the gospel huxters, Voz Mission·ria.

11895 at 0719 the weakest one with song I am pretty sure was in Portuguese from R. Boa Vontade, Porto Alegre; Spain anyway is supposed to finish 11895 at 0700, and its // 12035 tho still on, was inaudible.

With DST over, RNA should be signing on 6185 an hour later, anywhere between 0725 and 0800 UT, giving us back an hour of unimpeded XEPPM reception after Vatican finishes at 0620. We`ll see from Feb 22, as RNA runs all night on UT Sundays only (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BRAZIL. As I was looking for REE`s Sephardic service, see SPAIN, supposedly on the same frequency 11780 as the huge R·dio Nacional da AmazÙnia service, UT Tue Feb 23 at 0113, I instead heard an ID in passing by the Brazilian as ``uma emissora EBC --- Empresa Brasil de ComunicaÁ„o`` --- what? Is that a new name for the agency running it?

Enter the WRTH-listed website, http://www.radiobras.gov.br and sure enough, it forwards to http://www.ebc.com.br/ where one can read all about it. Axually seems EBC has existed since a law passed in 2008, as Lula in 2007 wanted to reorganize stuff. Maybe we and WRTH just haven`t noticed until now that it supersedes Radiobr·s.

Searching the entire site on the word radiobras, I got only one hit, here pulled out of context:

``Sobre a consolidaÁ„o da EBC na comunicaÁ„o p˙blica voltada para o cidad„o, o chefe de R·dio jornalismo da EBC, L˙cio Haeser, disse que as emissoras ainda seguem a linha da Radiobras e adiantou que ìainda somos tÌmidos em promover a participaÁ„o do cidad„oî.``

A strange attitude; Haeser, BTW is also active in Brazilian DX groups.

New site also linx to program schedule for RNA, now in UT -3: http://www.ebc.com.br/canais/radios/radio-nacional-am-amazonia/programacao

It shows the M-F 08-10 UT program is Bom Dia AmazÙnia [sic], while on Sundays it`s Alvorada Brasileira. Claims a break 7 days a week between 00 and 05 local = 03-08 UT, yet we know that 11780 and 6185 run all-night on UT Sundays. I haven`t paid attention to the program name then, but perhaps it`s AlÙ Brasil as shown on the 980 kHz schedule grid for Sundays 03-09 UT (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Radio Nacional da Brazilia [sic] --- Caught the above on Monday night Feb. 22 local time, at 2330-2345 UT, on 11780. According to WRTH, the website is http://www.radiobras.gov.br which I found. There is no e-mail address (shame!) in WRTH, nor on their website. HELP! (David Askine, Feb 22, NASWA yg via DXLD)

EBC, the parent organization for R. Nac. da Brasilia [sic], has an ombudsman, a professor and journalist, Laurindo Leal Filho (a woman), who, among other things, is tasked with handling comments on programming and forwarding such messages to the appropriate person in

the organization. Her email address is ouvidoria @ ebc.com.br
This may help. ñdon (Don Jensen, WI, ibid.)

A woman? Laurindo is a man`s name, cf. Laurindo Almeida. This item from the EBC website makes it clear this person is masculine, with the article o and adjectives ending in o:

``O Ouvidor-Geral È o professor Laurindo Leal Filho, respeitado especialista em comunicaÁ„o p˙blica e reconhecido defensor da causa da democratizaÁ„o dos meios de comunicaÁ„o no Brasil. Os ouvidores-adjuntos s„o Paulo SÈrgio Machado (AgÍncia Brasil), Maria Luiza Franco Busse (TV Brasil) e Fernando Oliveira Paulino (emissoras de r·dio).``

(Glenn Hauser, ibid.)

** CANADA [and non]. CKMX-1060 off air now --- My 50 kW local superpest, CKMX-1060 is off the air at the moment (22:35 MST) for the first time I can remember. Have just logged KYW-1060 for the first time ever here, also PA is a new state here! 73, (Deane McIntyre, Calgary AB, UT Feb 22, IRCA via DXLD)

Tsk2, what a negative attitude. What about all the CKMX fans? Surely they immediately tuned in the simulcast on CFVP 6030 --- unless it was also off the air for the same reason. Anyone notice? Would CKMX, knowing that 1060 is off, really keep programming going on 6030 only? Is the existence of CFVP ever acknowledged on the air even with a dual ID? (Glenn Hauser, DXLD)

** CANADA. CBC Archives - PROPAGANDA AND THE SECOND WORLD WAR
http://archives.cbc.ca/war_conflict/second_world_war/topics/3799/

Topic spans: 1941 - 1982. Propaganda and the Second World War

"Buy Victory Bonds!" Spread war-related rumours and you risk becoming "one of Hitler's Little Helpers." Ladies, join the army and you'll be "the proudest girl in the world!" Persuasive messages like these were everywhere during the Second World War, including on CBC Radio and Canadian movie screens. Indeed, wartime propaganda wasn't just the domain of Nazi Germany ó Canada too created films, radio dramas and posters aimed at convincing citizens to join the military or help out on the home front. CBC Digital Archives presents a collection of Canadian wartime propaganda, plus several radio and TV clips about Second World War propaganda in general.

To those of you who seek lost objects of history, I wish you the best of luck. They're out there, and they're whispering. - Clive Cussler [tagline] http://www.doghousecharlie.com
(via Fred Waterer, dxldyg via DXLD)

** CANADA. CANADIAN ASSOCIATION OF BROADCASTERS TO DISBAND
http://www.cbc.ca/arts/story/2010/02/18/cab-shutting-down.html

The organization represents radio, OTA TV, cable channels, and cable operators. Cable and OTA proponents in Canada are 'at war', with the OTA operators insisting they're entitled to a cut of cable revenue (if you follow the above link, there's a fair chance you'll see a banner ad for Free TV; that's what it's pushing). As you might guess, the cable industry vehemently disagrees.

Looks like the CAB has determined they're not going to be able to mediate a compromise between their two largest groups of members. They hope to re-form as a radio-only organization (Doug Smith W9WI, Pleasant View, TN EM66, 19 Feb, WTFDA via DXLD)

The future is they'll all be wipe material unless they can continue to adjust; technology is so fleeting. The Canadian Newspaper Association holds such sway - well, it's nice, actually, to periodically get together with old friends (Saul Chernos, Ont., ibid.)

It's all a big farce and show. The two "proponents" are the same people. The same monster companies own both OTA and cable/sat (ex.- CTV and Bell Sat TV). The real laugh is when CTV (Bell) complains that they aren't getting cable fees for OTA - and so can't compete with those evil viewer-stealing cable speciality channels do. Meanwhile they own the cable speciality channels too!!!! All a big farce. wrh (Bill Hepburn, Grimsby ON, ibid.)

** CANADA [and non]. Olympics on TV in northern US
http://www.nytimes.com/2010/02/21/sports/olympics/21cbc.html?ref=us
(via Eric FlodÈn, BC, dxldyg via DXLD)

All you need in two of the markets mentioned is a good outdoor UHF antenna and some luck. A decent VHF Yagi will still work around Buffalo. I love this: "CTV is available over the air, but most viewers have replaced their antennas with cable or satellite television." (Brock Whaley, HI, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CHAD. 6165, RD. Nationale Tchadienne, Gredia, 1309-1506, 20 Feb'10, French, newscast, African pops at 1347, news (presumed) at 1500; 25432, QRM at 1400. 73, (Carlos GonÁalves, PORTUGAL, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CHINA. Currently there is a radio war going on, which is affecting radio hams and other legit stations, between a private group connected to the Falung Gong movement in Taiwan and the PRC. The Taiwanese apparently use converted ham equipment to transmit their message to

mainland China (often using ham bands or frequency bands allocated to other users). As soon as they go on air a transmitter having been traced to the Chinese island of Hainan starts transmitting Chinese classical music at high volume on the same frequency. This Chinese jammer is called the "Fire Drake Jammer". The problem is that, with the transmissions being on HF, they disturb radio traffic on these frequencies all over the world (Max Van Arnhem, Netherlands, Benelux DX Club via DXLD)

Firedrake Feb 19: 8400 at fair level with drumming segment at 1332.

Firedrake, traditional music-only jamming, UT Feb 20 at 2337 found a number of `morning` frequencies, presumably inspired by Sound of Hope, the insignificant station which Must Be Jammed, as Ron Howard has also been hearing in California, much more than in the Asian evenings.

First noted on 17970 where it really stix out in an aero band, but here rearranged into reverse frequency order rather than the exact chronological order tuned:

18180 at 2337, fair, a bit better than 17970
17970 at 2337, fair. No recognizable CRI/CNR signals on 16m unlike 19m
16700 at 2339, poor with heavy flutter
15970 at 2339, poor with worse flutter than 16700
14970 at 2339, fair with flutter. They like `970s, but no 13970 any more
 9000 at 2345, very poor vs hets
 8400 at 2345, just barely audible
I see that the 20 Feb edition of Aoki has all these plus several more on the higher bands, except 15970 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9380, 19/Feb 0148, CHINA, Firedrake on SOH. At least on this day of listening, I do not think a good choice of the VOA broadcast on this frequency. In the background you hear comments from YL and OM that I seem to be the VOA Radio Deewa, completely compromised.

14970, 19/Feb 0218, CHINA, Firedrake active with moderate signal. (Jorge Freitas, Feira de Santana, Bahia, Brasil, Degen 1103, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

17970, CHINA, "Firedrake" Jamming Station, 0045, Crashing and Banging away, no target station heard underneath. Also same heard on 17645. 2/21. 73 and Good Listening to All! (Rick Barton, Sun City, Arizona, Hammarlund HQ-180A, HQ-200, Drake R-8, R.S. DX-375 and inboard ferrite bar loop (MW only), 60' l.w., ABDX via DXLD)

[and non]. 9000, 22/Feb 2306, No firedrake. 8400, firedrake active.

9380 kHz, is a very weak signal with talk of OM. At 2341 UT on 7525 kHz, firedrake active. At 0043 UT on 23/Feb firedrake active.

15385 23/Feb 0047. No CNR1 jammer, but strong firedrake on the VOA in Mandarin. 73 (Jorge Freitas, Feira de Santana Bahia, Brasil, Degen 1103 Dipole antenna, 19 meters - east/west - Balun 4:1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Firedrake Feb 22: at 1407, very poor on 8400.

At 1408, FD on new 9380 vs something not in Chinese, sounds like S Asian language. FD dominance increased during the hour: by 1419 it was VG atop victim; by 1447 the undersignal was JBA. Off at 1500 uncovering ``pre-recorded`` Camping English YFR in this hour. I think the FD carrier was completely off, but at 1506 noticed it was back on over YFR English. It`s getting increasingly difficult to separate from the burgeoning WWRB BS signal on 9385.

Aoki Feb 22 edition has the answers: on 9380 before 1500 it`s DW in Urdu via Pridnestrovye (following 1330 Dari via Tajikistan, or rather Armenia; 1400 Pashto via Prid.). And from 1500 to 1600 it`s a new Family Radio frequency since Feb 19, site unknown.

But Firedrake is on 9380 because of another 1 kW Sound of Hope transmitter on Taiwan which could be running 24 hours. Tough luck, DWL, YFR, et al.

At 1454 found FD on another new frequency, 9680, i.e. RRIndonesia! Mixing badly with it; FD continued past 1500, not taking any hourtop monitoring break here. Aoki now shows Taiwan in Chinese on 9680 at 1100-1700 with 300 kW, 352 degrees, so that explains it. But before today, RRI was in the clear on 9680, and I really don`t think Taiwan was active, at least not during entire six hours. Goodbye, gamelans.

I kept bandscanning looking for more new Firedrake frequencies, and soon found another at 1508: 7545, vs. what? The 22 Feb edition of Aoki shows only one real station on 7545, R. Farda via Lampertheim at 15-16, but surely not the ChiComs` intentional victim. Another frequency spoilt by SOH?

Perhaps `tis the season for piling on Firedrake all over the place, in a paranoid ploy to block frequencies which just might carry something objexionable, sometime. The ChiCom have so many transmitters, originally American models, that they have got to put them somewhere, and what better possible use could there be for them?? (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1501, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Firedrake Feb 23: unlike yesterday, not all over the place, missing

from 9680 [see INDONESIA], also not heard on 9380 but some S Asian language amid all the WTJC/WWRB QRM at 1343. But FD poorly audible on 8400. At 1438 could not find any FD between 7500 and 7600, tho there was the usual CNR1 echo jamming on 7525 and 7535 against VOA and BBC respectively (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Glenn, FD was audible here on 9380 at 1030 but seemed not to be // 8400. Also it wasn't very strong (Robin VK7RH Harwood, Norwood, Tasmania, 0510 UT Feb 24 using an Icom R70 to 21 feet of wire drooped along curtain rail, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9365, Firedrake good against nothing perceptible, Feb 24 at 1343, audible tnx to the absence of WTJC [q.v.] from 9340-9370-9420. Aoki has nothing on 9365 at this hour, but WRN is registered for Tajikistan at 13-15, so maybe something new? Or just another SOH landing spot.

9380 also with Firedrake vs something at 1347, i.e. Sound of Hope, besides DW in Dari via Tajikistan or Armenia. At 1453 recheck, no Firedrake heard on 9365 or 9380 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) See also UNIDENTIFIED 18760

Sveriges Radio frequency change due to interference --- Sveriges Radio (Radio Sweden) has changed its frequency for the Swedish broadcast to East Asia at 1200-1230 UTC due to interference from a jammer on the old frequency of 9380 kHz. From today the frequency has been changed to 11550 kHz (Source: Sveriges Radio) (February 22nd, 2010 - 13:28 UTC by Andy Sennitt, Media Network blog via WORLD OF RADIO 1501, DXLD)

Firedrake, Feb 25: very poor at 1640 on 8400; also heard it a couple hours earlier (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CHINA. Despite it being available many hours on SW, I`ve never been a fan of CRI, only occasionally tuning in to see if there is anything interesting, but often finding the idiotic ``Drive Time``.

But recently, perhaps the change was made Feb 1, I`ve been drawn to ``The Beijing Hour``, a very brisk and professional news program that I have been hearing at 01 on 6020 and 9570 [via ALBANIA] (Kent D Murphy, N Martinsville WV, Feb 18, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CHINA. SPAIN [non?]. 24 hours earlier I heard REE IS at 1359 on 7220, unscheduled. Wasn`t certain of the frequency so recheck Feb 19 at 1359, and there it is again, definitely on 7220, so nix my previous speculation about Xi`an 7215 doing it by mistake. This time, 7215 went off at 1357*.

The 7220 carrier stayed on past 1400, but just too weak vs the QRhaM to be certain of language. During a brief respite at 1405 I tried to

// it to 17595 when REE was opening EspaÒoles en la Mar with Morse code ID, but could not; at 1410 music while 17595 was talk.

No foreign languages are on the REE schedule starting at 1400 on any frequency, so one would expect it to be a segment of their continuous Spanish service, if anything. Nor is there anything about Spain or 7220 in the WRTH Feb update. Nor any 7.220 in the B-09 frequency schedules on the REE website via http://www.rtve.es/radio/radio-exterior/

See last few reports: One more check of 7220 at 1359 Feb 20: there is the REE IS again and today reception is much better so I can tell that at 1400 it cuts to the CRI opening theme, ID as always first in Chinese, but second ID in language obscured by QRhAM, which continues almost without break from ragchewers, but at least they are off to one side.

Continuous talk, no doubt opening newscast, in non-tonal South Asian language; 1410 music fragment and next show including bits of Chinese for voice-over translation. I also hear occasional beeps roughly once a minute but irregularly, not sure out of this transmitter or the hams, which sometimes emit beeps as they start or stop transmission. Still going past 1430.

So it seems the REE IS is just a switching error at some CRI site, and has nothing to do with any intentional REE broadcast before or after. Probably the language to follow is on the same satellite feed channel from Beijing as the 12-14 UT REE relay in Spanish intended to be transmitted only from Xi`an on 11910.

I`ll bet a satellite DXer such as Mark Fahey in NSW could hear the same thing on the appropriate transponder. IBB makes the same kind of mistake on SW with bits of R. Netherlands in English via Tinian.

CRI broadcasts in all these Asian languages at 1400, per EiBi: Amoy, Bengali, Burmese, English, Japanese, Khmer, Mandarin, Mongolian, Russian, Sinhala, Tamil, Vietnamese, but there is one more which fits exactly on 7220:

Nepali, via Kunming. The Nepalis must be wondering why they hear the REE IS just before their hour. Aren`t the Kunmingis paying attention to what they outsend? I love a mystery, especially when I can solve it.

At 1500, CRI 7220 switches language and site to Japanese via Jinhua, and that is a regular here, aimed 59 degrees and also USward, well heard at 1505 check (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1501, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

7220, presumed Kunming site, still nonsensically playing Spain`s IS until 1400 timesignal, then switching to CRI opening in Chinese, Feb 24 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CHINA [non]. 9690, CRI in Chinese at 0204 Feb 19, VG signal but noticeably distorted, the usual situation with the Noblejas, Spain relay which has no problem with modulating its own REE broadcasts; must be a feed input problem. Past log had it extremely distorted, so must have been improved (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CHINA [non]. After hearing CRI relay via KGBC Galveston TX dominating 1540 one night before 0700 [see full original report far below under USA], I have checked for it various times since. Feb 22 at 0648 there were ``Everyday Chinese`` lessons again, but deep in the mix of SAHs and QRM. That programming does stand out from the pack (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** COSTA RICA. 2859.82, Radio San Carlos, 0125-0201*, Feb 20, 2nd harmonic. 2 x 1430v. Spanish talk. IDs. Announcements. Local pops/ballads. Weak. Poor in noisy conditions but occasional peaks up to fair levels (Brian Alexander, PA, DX Listening Digest)

** COSTA RICA. 3350, REE relay, another ailing transmitter, Feb 19 at 0211 with S9+20 signal but very undermodulated with hum (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CUBA. Greetings from Lourdes LÛpez, "YEAR 52 OF THE REVOLUTION." [Cf 10-07]

Dear Friend: May I get in touch with you once again to say hello and inform you that I've retired, so now I'll be able to spend more time with my grandchildren.

I want to tell you that, one of the greatest pleasures in my lifetime is to have worked in Radio Havana Cuba for more than 40 years and particularly, to have been in regular contact with you, esteemed listeners and friends.

I'm retiring but I'm happy because the group I leave behind share similar feelings and the privilege of communicating with the friends of Cuba in every continent. The new Head of the Department is Rosario Lafita Fern·ndez, with 30 years of experience in the job, who will continue the beautiful work I've done with so much love.

With the assurance that you'll stay in contact with our beloved shortwave station (Lourdes LÛpez, Feb 16, via Gerard Koopal, via Michael Bethge, WWDXC, via Wolfang B¸schel, Feb 18, dxldyg via DXLD)

Hello OM's, This letter came in by mail today. It states that Lourdes LÛpez from Radio Havana, Cuba, is retired as of now. Lourdes LÛpez answered all listeners letters and mails to RHC for the past years and did it well (although sometimes it took a long time).

I wish her well and hope she may spend her coming years in good health with her family (GÈrard Koopal, 1300 BM Almere, The Netherlands, ibid.)

** CUBA. 11880, DCJC pulses coming and going Feb 20 at 1512, probably spurs of 11930 jammer against Radio MartÌ, which has similar pulses best audible on the sides down to 11915. Often these only come out as clix on the spurs ~50 kHz away.

18520-18560, lite DCJC pulsing peaking at 18540, Feb 22 at 1538. Rate corresponds to that heard from R. MartÌ jamming at sidebands such as 15325. Seems to be totally stray, as no jamming on nearest band 17 MHz, to be spurious from, and if harmonic, nothing needing jamming on 6180 which is an intentional RHC frequency at other hours. Of course, there could be another Radio Rep˙blica tiny transmitter needing blocking around here.

11600, another check of the jamming against never-heard alleged R. Rep˙blica transmitter from Central America: Yes, Feb 22 at 1558:30 jamming noise started, ramping up rapidly with additional units onpiling. See also USA: WRMI

6933, 5-digit Spanish YL spy numbers, Feb 21 at 0703, usual big signal but this one quite undermodulated, a Cuban trait normally reserved for RHC (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CUBA [non]. 9490, 19/2 0041, Radio Rep˙blica, Clandestina to Cuba, talks about la prensa castrista, Spanish, good, NOT reported by EIBI (Giampiero Bernardini, Milano, Italia, RX: SDR-IQ AOR AR7030 - Ant. T2FD, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) Yet; just started a few days before (gh)

9490, R. Rep˙blica, still loud and clear on third night of new frequency, UT Feb 19 at 0105. No jamming audible, but it was still grinding away against nothing on ex-9810. 9490 also still much stronger than RCI 9755, which doesn`t make sense if it`s also Sackville but on a southward antenna. Maybe 9490 is on the 240 degree beam for some reason, which is right toward us rather than Cuba. 0205 RR was talking about Arctic peoples and nims, seemingly off-topic, but they do have a variety of general informational programming.

9490, R. Rep˙blica at 0010 Feb 23, still very strong and clear signal,

no jamming audible tho possibly some is far under, on this 227 degree beam from Sackville, which crosses central FlÛrida and Yucat·n, just missing Cuba, but close enough for this UT Tue-Sat 00-03 broadcast.

Meanwhile, noise jamming still on ex-9810. RR still very good on 9490 at 0112. This is so much better than ex-9810 that now there is little doubt that was really from Rampisham UK (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) See also USA: WRMI

CANADA, Radio Rep˙blica in Spanish to Cuba effective Feb. 16: 0000-0300 NF 9490 SAC 100 kW / 227 deg Tue-Sat, ex 2300-0400 on 9810 RMP (DX Mix News, Bulgaria, Feb 22 via DXLD)

** CYPRUS. OTH radar pulses, presumed from here, Feb 20 at 1436 at 21540-21565, bothering Spain on 21540 but not 21570. With all that vacant spectrum above 18 MHz, why does this have to be inside a broadcast band?!?!

Same type of pulsing occupying 15150-15180 at 1524 but no broadcasters audible amid. There were several frequencies scheduled in use but strangely, all ending at 1500 except 15175, AIR Gujarati via Goa at 1515-1600, per Aoki.

18460-18485, OTH radar pulses, presumed from here, Feb 21 at 1500, just where they belong, far away from any broadcasters (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

15780-15805, OTH radar pulsing, presumed from here, in one of its favorite ranges, Feb 23 at 1510 QRMing 15790 BBC Arabic via Cyprus, and weaker 15785 Galei Tsahal, Israel. Hmmm, does QRMing BBC make it less likely this OTHR be really from Cyprus too? Or are they rivals for spectrum?

19138-19166, OTH radar pulses presumed from here, Feb 24 at 1503. Hardly anything else audible between 19 and 21 MHz, so at least serves as propagation beacon, and 13m was open from the usual spots, Spain, Libya and Saudi Arabia (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** DEUTSCHES REICH [non]. HOLOCAUST DENIER WHO LIVED IN TORONTO BEING FREED FROM GERMAN PRISON

http://www.cp24.com/servlet/an/local/CTVNews/20100217/100217_ernst_zundel/20100217/?hub=CP24Home

Zundel was heard via US and Russian shortwave transmitters at one time. Rather notorious in Southern Ontario. [fw]

Wed Feb. 17 2010 11:16:12 AM David Rising, The Associated Press

Ernst Zundel sits in a court at his trial in Mannheim, southern Germany in this Nov. 8, 2005 file photo. (AP / Michael Probst)

BERLIN ó Far-right activist Ernst Zundel will soon be released from prison after serving his five-year sentence for denying the Holocaust, a German prosecutor said Wednesday.

Mannheim prosecutor Andreas Grossmann said Zundel, 70, will be released on March 1 after receiving credit for time served ahead of his 2007 trial.

Zundel, author of "The Hitler We Loved and Why," was deported from Canada in 2005. He was convicted in February 2007 of 14 counts of inciting hatred for years of anti-Semitic activities, including contributing to a Web site devoted to denying the Holocaust -- a crime in Germany.

Prosecutors were able to bring charges in Germany because the Web site was accessible there. Zundel, who also has lived in Tennessee, and his supporters had argued he was exercising his right to free speech.

Zundel is a German citizen so he can go wherever he wants in the country following his release, Grossmann said, adding that he has relatives in the Stuttgart area.

Grossmann said he understood, however, that Zundel is banned by the United States and Canada from returning to those countries.

Zundel's wife, Ingrid Zundel, told The Associated Press in an email that he was not technically barred from North America but that they "expect huge diplomatic barriers to keep him inside Germany where freedom of speech simply doesn't exist."

She said she has been in regular contact with her husband and that he fears for his life upon his release, because he is "ferociously hated" by many for his writings about the Holocaust.

"We fear that, at the very least, he will be re-arrested on flimsiest pretense and put back into prison for life," she said.

Born in Germany in 1939, Zundel emigrated to Canada in 1958 and lived in Toronto and Montreal until 2001. Canadian officials twice rejected his attempts to obtain Canadian citizenship, and he moved to Pigeon Forge, Tennessee, until being deported to Canada in 2003 for alleged immigration violations.

In February 2005, a Canadian judge ruled that Zundel's activities were

not only a threat to national security, but "the international community of nations" as well, clearing the way for his deportation to Germany.

Since his arrest, Ingrid Zundel -- who has remained in the U.S. -- said she has been running his Web site, so she cannot risk being present when her husband is released. "I would be risking immediate arrest if I stepped on German soil," she said (via Fred Waterer, Ont., Feb 17, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1501, DXLD)

** DJIBOUTI [and non]. Looking for signs of RTD, 4780, a bit before nominal *0300 but no luck Feb 19 before *0259 of WWCR 4775 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

4780, Radio Djibouti, 0303-0335, Feb 20, tune-in to Qur`an. Arabic talk at 0309. Some local rustic tribal music at 0329. Poor with adjacent channel splatter from a strong WWCR on 4775 (Brian Alexander, PA, DX Listening Digest)

** DJIBOUTI [non]. New station - Voix de Djibouti on 15165

Well, fairly new. Said to have launched on 7 January. Thursdays only. In French and Somali ("Codka Djibouti" = "Voice of Djibouti"). Some confusion about the exact time: one part of their website - http://www.lavoixdedjibouti.com/index.php?p=1_4_Accueil - gives it as 1800-1900 Djibouti time (1500-1600 GMT), but another (cached) version gives 1830-1930 local (1530-1630 GMT). Both agree it's on 15165. The 1530-1630 GMT time is also given on a YouTube clip of the inaugural broadcast: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2P2AckZ763c

Has anyone spotted this registration or perhaps even heard the Thursday broadcast? What's the site of the 15165? (Chris Greenway, England, Feb 22, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1501, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

About time Djibouti had its own clandestine! Website indicates it is that, ``free and independent voice,``, etc. And it`s all in French, so are the broadcasts too? Only for the Èlite? Emissions Radio page axually linxs to mp3 files of the seven broadcasts so far, and there are also apparently full transcripts on the next page. I did not realize Djibouti was so mountainous, even above the timber line. Or is it based in Colorado? (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1501, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Later: confirmed *1530-1629:30* Feb 25 (gh)

** DOMINICAN REPUBLIC. 5005.00, 2250-2252* 20.02, R Cristal International, Santo Domingo (presumed). Just heard closing playing the National Anthem of the Dominican Republic, no announcement heard, 25322 (Anker Petersen, done on my AOR AR7030PLUS with 28 m longwire, Skovlunde, Denmark, via Dario Monferini, playdx yg via DXLD)

So looks like they have moved their sign-off forward another hour, making it that much more difficult westward. I never see any reports of this in the morning either.

Wait a minute, this is supposed to be on 5010 while 5005 would be Equatorial Guinea which does run to 2300 or so per WRTH --- are you positive about the anthem? Or the frequency? (Glenn Hauser, DXLD)

** DOMINICAN REPUBLIC. 6025.01, R Amanecer International, Santo Domingo, 0219-0258, Jan 28, religious vocals to 0233, then mostly Spanish religious talk with occasional music, full ID mentioning 1570 and 6025. Fair signal with 6020/6030 splatter (John Wilkins, Wheat Ridge, Colorado, DSWCI DX Window Feb 17 via DXLD)

** EAST TURKISTAN. 4980, at 0049 Feb 21, Asian language talk with intonation resembling Korean, but that would have to be something new. The old `2009`, meaning 2008 PWBR by the radio showed only one possibility, Xinjiang PBS in Urumqi.

Besides the imaginary Ecos del Torbes listing, Aoki Feb 21, 2010 agrees it can only be XPBS, and the language is Uighur, i.e. only what the imperialist Han ChiCom want their grossly outnumbered subjects to hear, while they jam external broadcasts in Uighur.

After talk-only segment, from 0052 mixed in some music, 0056 more speech by YL, now much stronger signal than India 5010. Music overlapped 5+1 timesignal at 0100, fanfares and announcements. It`s also stronger than adjacent Brasil 4985, tho the latter is improving (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ECUADOR. 3810, Feb 23 at 0659, HD2IOA timesignals every 10 seconds without QRhaM, so fingers crossed, I was hoping to catch a clear ID at 0659:40, but ham blasted on exactly the same LSB frequency a few sex before then (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** EGYPT. 9915, at 0118 Feb 19, Spanish talk about the CIA, making me wonder at first if it were something out of Cuba. Awful audio with distortion and only modulating at spixe, of which Habana is certainly capable, but also a typical Cairo problem.

0121 into music, and yes, with some strain decided it was // 6270 Cairo with good modulation. I also tried 9390, something there but unseemed //. That must be because the third frequency changed to 9360 sometime since B-09 began as in DXLD 10-03 from DX Mix News:

0045-0200 on 9915 ABS 250 kW / 252 deg Spanish SoAm
0045-0200 on 6270 ABZ 250 kW / 315 deg Spanish NoAm

0045-0200 on 9360 ABZ 250 kW / 245 deg Spanish SoAm

Aoki still shows 9915, 9390 and 7540 for this Spanish. Boo, Abis! (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** EQUATORIAL GUINEA. 6250, Radio Nacional, Malabo, *0535-0600+, Feb 19, sign on with Spanish talk. Afro-pop music. Radio Nacional and Radio Malabo IDs. Fair but occasional rtty QRM (Brian Alexander, PA, DX Listening Digest) 5005? See DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

** ERITREA [and non]. 7175, V. of the Broad Masses heard 2/21 from 1423 tune with HOA music. At 1430, there were a series of men announcers and occasional brief HOA music segments. More HOA mx at 1455. Man ann and HOA instrumental mx at 1458 then man ann at 1459 with news in vernacular. At 1503 sounded like a man interviewing a remote reporter. Noisy on 41 mb this morning, but otherwise decent signal level at S3. The sig improved after 1430. On the Perseus I could see R Ethiopia on 7165 at a higher sig lvl and indeed was heard at 1420 with HOA mx at S4 level. So, if VOBM is jammed at 0400, why not during this transmission? (Bruce Churchill, Fallbrook CA, Cumbre DX via DXLD)

Hi Bruce, Ethiopia doesn't normally jam all VOBME domestic programs routinely as they seem to consider them rather harmless. Only when VOBME starts some clanny-type program, the jamming game starts. In the afternoon I guess 1500 UT onwards is the jamming session depending of course if the VOBME airs some "dangerous" stuff that day. 73, (Jari Savolainen, Finland, ibid.)

A correxion: Jamming session usually starts at 1500 UT on 5060 and around 1600 UT on 7175 range. I hope I got it correct this time :-) (Jari, ibid.)

On 22 Feb at 1500 - I was checking the jamming situation on 5060 and 7175. No jamming on 5060 although the weak Eritrea was audible under strong China. At 1600 no jammers appeared to 7175 where VOBME was carrying some celebration program. When rechecking 7175 at 1606 noted there enthusiastic female voice in American accented English talking about youths of Eritrea and new generation. Ended her speech with phrase "Victory to the masses" and got loud applauses. Back to local languages and music. This programme was also broadcast on 7210 and 5060 (Jari Savolainen, Kuusankoski, Finland, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1501, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Fine monitoring Jari. Today has been a day of protest by Eritreans in various cities around the world against UN sanctions imposed in December. Sounds like you heard a special broadcast of one of the rallies (Chris Greenway, England, Feb 22, ibid.)

Yes Chris. Noted that event in the net later, too. I first checked if there was a public holiday or something in Eritrea, but none. Then noticed the web mentions of "Worldwide rally against UN sanction on Eritrea" on February 22. That must have been the subject of the program. Cheers (Jari Savolainen, ibid.)

** ERITREA [non]. Radio Asena --- Hi Glenn, Have a look at this report. Kind of interesting about the reports they receive. 73 (Mick Delmage, AB, Feb 23, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Viz.:

LETTERS FROM THE WAVE HUNTERS, Saturday, 07 March 2009 12:12

We all, the staff at Assenna and probably true to most of you out there, live in exile not out of our preference but due to lack of an orderly life and conducive environment where we could dream big and be supported to achieve them. Who doesnít want to live in a prosperous, democratic and free Eritrea where we would be curious about life, the land, the soil, the air, the star and beyond instead of counting the number of the assassinated and detained? These days mere living, as animals do in their territories, has become difficult to hundred of thousands of our youth thanks to the dictatorship that was ironically born out of our long bitter struggle for freedom.

So we wanted to be a voice to the voiceless at this critical juncture of our history. We grabbed whatever resources we can get, with your support at the forefront, to reach the hopeless that are deprived what we are privileged to here in exile. We patched our message to the best of our abilities and send it to air to our beloved Eritrea to reach the ears of the disturbed that are hungry of hope and the truth. We did not know that our emotion is universal in which our pains can also be felt by those who donít understand our language. We did not know that our message on the way home will bring us solidarity from what we prefer to call them as wave hunters. Unlike Martin Luther King, we were able to listen to the voice of our friends and sympathizers, not the shouting of our foes and doubters.

Free peoplesí hobby is incredibly amazing. Do oppressed people have hobbies?

Before we received confirmation that we were received in Assab, Asmara and Barentu, the wave hunters told us that the signal that carried our message was strong and full of force and most assured us that it will reach those ears in Eritrea. And, yes, they wished us all the best. Amazed by and envious about the power of free peoplesí curiosity, imagination as well as capacity and pleased by the universal nature of our emotions we bundled to the radio waves, we are sharing the letters unedited to the people of Eritrea, including our doubters. Here you

go. . . [more]
http://assenna.com/english/silenced-journalists/1478-letters-from-the-wave-hunters
(via Mick Delmage, DXLD)

Goes on to reproduce reception reports from Bj^rn Fransson, Sweden; Patrick Robic, Austria; Jurgen Waga, Germany; Lenfant Lee, China; David W. G. Foster, Australia (gh, DXLD)

** ETHIOPIA. 6890, Radio Fana, 2050-2102*, Feb 21, local Horn of Africa music. Amharic announcements. Weak but readable. // 6110 - poor, mixing with several other stations on frequency (Brian Alexander, PA, DX Listening Digest)

** ETHIOPIA. 7165, Voice of Peace & Democracy, via Radio Ethiopia transmitter, *0357-0432*, Feb 19, sign on with local Horn of Africa music and echo ID announcements. Talk at 0400 in listed Tigrinya. Horn of Africa music. Fair to good but co-channel QRM at 0408 from Voice of the Broad Masses of Eritrea with Horn of Africa music and covered by noise jammer at 0410. Fair to good signal on // 9560.98v - drifting up to 9561.08. Listed Mon, Wed, Fri only (Brian Alexander, PA, DX Listening Digest)

** ETHIOPIA/ERITREA [and non]. 40 mb intruders made another of their frequent long-path appearances: Feb 23 at 1440, 7165 fair with Horn of Africa music including drumming; 7100 also fair but a bit weaker with HOA talk; and 7175 weakest with music including drumming, singing. At 1443 a ham blasted on 7165 which served as BFO, as he replied to someone I had not been hearing at all, about Toyota Avalons.

By 1500, 7165 had weakened so it was no longer adequate BFO for the hams who would rather ragchew, as they have every right to do, than shut up and listen to an exotic broadcast station and its music. 7110 had also weakened to a trace and 7175 was gone or blocked by more hams (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ETHIOPIA [non]. Some TDP changes: Radio Xoriyo Ogadenia in Somali 1700-1730 on 9610 SAM 250 kW / 188 deg to EaAf Mon/Fri // 7530 is deleted

Radio Bilal in Amharic, new time and frequency
1730-1830 on 9605 SAM 250 kW / 188 deg to EaAf Sunday till Feb. 14
1800-1900 on 9345 SAM 250 kW / 188 deg to EaAf Daily from Feb. 15
(DX Mix News, Bulgaria, Feb 22 via WORLD OF RADIO 1501, DXLD)

** EUROPE. I really enjoy Network Europe, a news magazine-type show than can be heard weekdays from Radio Netherlands on 11655 and 12080 beginning about 1910 (after the Dutch news), and also on Radio Romania at about 0127 on 6150 (I get it best on 6148) after the Romanian news.

You might want to check these out and inform your listeners if you think they are worthwhile (Kent D Murphy, N Martinsville WV, Feb 18, WORLD OF RADIO 1501, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** EUROPE. FRS Holland on air next Sunday 28th Feb and also 7 March

Here's the info regarding the upcoming February 28th 2010 broadcast. The previous regular broadcast was back in December 2009.

Sun Feb. 28th 2010, FRSH will take to the air for a total of 4º hours between 0852-1305 UT / 09.52-14.05 CET. Frequency will be 7600 // 5800 kHz.

A repeat will take place on Sun March 7th 1052-1505 UT / 11.52-16.05 CET on 7600 // 9300 !!

0852 Theme tune and opening
0902 FRS Magazine - Peter Verbruggen
1000 German Service - Jan van Dijk
1030 Dave Scott's Radiowaves
1130 FRS Goes DX - Peter Verbruggen
1215 FRS Golden Show
1305 Close

There will be a repeat on the internet during the evening, link to follow once known (Gnosal Geraghty, Feb 21, BDXC-UK yg via DXLD)

** FRANCE. Re 10-07: New RFI website --- The shortwave schedule says: Frequencies from 29 March 2009 but it does seem to be accurate and shows some frequency changes coming into effect February 28. http://www.english.rfi.fr/general/20100208-how-listen-rfi-english (Mike Barraclough, England, Feb 18, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1501, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Quite a few changes as of 28 Feb for English, where they still believe there should be an M-10 season, tho in effect only for one month --- unless they are really a preview of the same thing for A-10:

West Africa (Zone 5)
0600ñ0630 7315 replaced by 9765
0700-0730 11725 replaced by 15605
1600ñ1700 15605

Central Africa (Zone 6)
0600ñ0630 7315 replaced by 9765
0700ñ0730 11725 replaced by 15605
1600ñ1700 15605

East Africa & Indian Ocean (Zone 7)
0400-0430 7315
           9805
0500ñ0530 9805 plus additional 11995
0600ñ0630 11995 replaced by 15160
          13680
1200-1230 21620
1600-1700 15605

As usual, RFI FAILS TO SPECIFY that the 04, 05, 06 and 07 broadcasts are M-F ONLY (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1501, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GERMANY. 5980, Hamburger Lokalradio, via Kall-Krekel (1 kW), 1035-1057, Su Feb 07, German talk about Nazism, old German songs, 35343. Kall-Krekel was heard on 6005 at the same time with their own programme.

6005, R 700, Kall-Krekel (1 kW), 0850-1055, Feb 04, 05 and 07, German talk about the former USSR, Ukraine and Belarus with Russian songs, frequent ID's: "Radio Sieben Hundert auf 6005 kiloHertz", German pop songs and news, 35343 (Anker Petersen, Skovlunde, Denmark, DSWCI DX Window Feb 17 via DXLD)

6005, MV Baltic Radio, vÌa R 700, Kall-Krekel (1 kW), 0917-0955, Sa Feb 06, pop music and German ann, song by John Lennon "Imagine", 24322 (Manuel MÈndez, Lugo/Friol, Spain, DSWCI DX Window Feb 17 via DXLD)

It was a test transmission from *0900. For more information, please e-mail MV Baltic Radio on the day of the Transmission (Tom Taylor, Feb 04, ibid.)

** GERMANY. Update to the below included story: Reportedly they will be on air "this Sunday", so Feb 21, at 1600 on 15245, Wertachtal 500 kW to North America. The wording is a bit vague (i.e. if the frequency refers to the upcoming transmission), so if nothing appears on 15245 it could not hurt to check also 15230 or just the 19 mb in general. http://www.radiowoche.de/index.php?area=1&p=news&newsid=8465

I guess this went by completely unnoticed? http://www.amrum-news.de/2009/02/18/radio-oomrang-geht-wieder-auf-sendungto/ (Kai Ludwig, Germany, Feb 17, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Tnx to Kai Ludwig for reminding us of an unpublicized once-a-year broadcast, and to Wolfgang B¸schel for more info about it, we were standing by Feb 21 at 1600 for Radio ÷ˆmrang, on 15245 or 15230.

At 1600 it was inbooming S9+22 on 15245, just missed English ID but

there would be more later. VG signal must be aimed USward, or rather toward New York, whose local time was mentioned. Mostly talk in a strange dialect of German, interspersed every few minutes with halting English IDs, which had hum on them, and went approximately, including at 1629 and 1637:

``Hello, this is Radio ÷ˆmrang, the free voice of the Frisian people. Welcome to the new year 2010. Welcome to our broadcast on high nineteen FM via Juelich with the frequenz 1-5-2-3-0 k-h-zed``

Yeech, only once a year and they get the frequency wrong! Will they have it corrected by 2011y? J¸lich? Guess it`s hard to keep up with the latest site demolitions. It also seems they have a very hazy idea about the difference between KW and UKW.

At 1611 talking about megabits per second, etc. Just what is the purpose of this? At 1630 about the CDU and the SPD. Do these Frisians have some political ax to grind?

At 1638 in English introduced segment, ``facts about the Frisian people`` --- but that was not in English! Obviously this effort is not really meant to reach the world at large beyond their minority dialect, but just a feel-good promotion for the insiders.

Later plugged their Facebook site. http://www.facebook.com/oomrang Without the umlauts? No, the above does not work, I think, since I am not signed up with Facebook anyway. Someone please explain what the name means, and its cognate in High German. Is this Frisian dialect the same as the Plattdeutsch used e.g. by HCJB?

At 1655, English closing: ``the producer says goodbye until 2011``; contact info with Nieb¸ll postal address, no e-mail mentioned. Nieb¸ll is a small town at the northern tip of Germany some 12 km from the Danish border.

``PS: if you want to sponsor this broadcasting, it`s only paid by Mr. ----``. Further production credits and ``Goodbye``, 1656 to open carrier, until off at 1659*. They wasted two precious sesquiminutes of expensive (?) 500 kW (?) airtime from Wertachtal! And of course they wasted the whole thing for people tuned to 15230 instead.

Wolfgang B¸schel later explained: ``Started in Friesian (lower German) language, which is similar to Dutch West Frisian language spoken in North Western Netherlands. The Kiel student Anna read the (local?) news and also a weather report of North Sea area could be traced.``

A weather report once a year just won`t do (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1501, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Info from Wolfgang Bueschel is that a postal address given was

Tanenwai 24 in 25946 Nebel (Insel Amrum)

So not Niebuell as I had thought. That is in the same region not far away on the mainland, but the postal code matches Nebel on Amrum island.

My maps (in English) spell this area in Germany as well as Netherlands, Frisian Islands, not Friesian (Glenn Hauser, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Correxion to my Feb 21 one-off log of R. ÷ˆmrang, 15245 at 1600-1657: Info from Wolfgang Bueschel is that a postal address given was: Tanenwai 24 in 25946 Nebel (Insel Amrum). Any relation to Long John?

So not Niebuell as I had thought. That is in the same region not far away on the mainland, but the postal code matches Nebel on Amrum island. My maps (in English) spell this area in Germany as well as Netherlands, Frisian Islands, not Friesian.

Also, Kai Ludwig suggests about the unfound Facebook page:
Perhaps they referred to http://www.facebook.com/amrum
which promotes tourism to Amrum
(Glenn Hauser, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Subject: [A-DX] Radio ÷ˆmrang 15245 kHz

Mit Ansange auf Amrum-Englisch und Deutsch hier in Kiel auf 15245 kHz ("aus J¸lich") mit SINPO 43434. 73 (Douglas K‰hler, 1601 UT, A-DX, RX: ATS-909, via Wolfgang B¸schel, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

GERMANY, Radio ÷ˆmrang, 15245 kHz, Wertachtal 500 kW at 1557-1700 UT on Feb 21 only. At 1557 UT sender signed on at Wertachtal. My location is situated like in the main lobe direction of 300 degrees towards zones 4,8,9 via Stuttgart, Brussels, London, Edinburgh, and then Nova Scotia, into US Washington etc.

A smidgen fluttery which is not surprsing in the 19 meterband, some 120 kilometers away of Wertachtal transmission site, S=9+20dB which is 55555 locally. At 16.00:04 UT announcement in English, BUT STILL old details of last year like February 21, 2009, mentioned 15230 kHz and Juelich 100 kW.

Then started in Friesian (lower German) language, which is similar to Dutch West Frisian language spoken in North Western Netherlands. The Kiel student Anna read the (local?) news and also a weather report of

North Sea area could be traced.

Powerful Wertachtal 500 Kilowatt Signal should "twist the spoons" in North America ? 73 wb (Wolfgang B¸schel, ibid.)

They also have a webstream at: http://stream.server150.de/
Not currently in parallel with 15245 kHz though, which I'm monitoring with good reception via Global Tuners Pennsylvania receiver. Another canned English ID at 1629 UT (Dave Kernick, England, ibid.)

Announced "we broadcast on high 19 FM via julich with the frekventz 15230 t-h-z" :-] (Jari Savolainen, Finland, 1636 UT, ibid.)

15245, Radio ÷ˆmrang, 1630-1650+, Feb 21, tune-in to talk in German dialect. English ID announcements at 1638, 1645. Strong (Brian Alexander, PA, DX Listening Digest)

Hier anbei noch zwei Mitschnitte von 15245 kHz, total stˆrungsfreie Frequenz, auch die Nachbarkan‰le total frei. Flatter Signal in Stuttgart.
http://www.amrum-news.de/2009/02/18/radio-oomrang-geht-wieder-auf-sendungto/

Die URL der Sendung ist weiterhin
http://stream.server150.de/ von Arjan Kˆlzow.

Das Team von Anna, Christoph, Hauke und Wendy beendete um 16.55:10 UT die Aussendung, zuvor war eine schnurrige Geschichte in Nordsee Platt von Anna und Christoph zu Gehˆr gebracht worden. Da drehte es sich um eine Bulgarian Airlines und den Flug New York nach Hamburg.

Die Geschichte stammt von einer Schule aus Flensburg.(?)

Die Identifikation und Sendeschluss ("... til Febr 2011...") nannte auch eine Postadresse, Tanenwai 24 in 25946 Nebel (Insel Amrum)

sowie der Hinweis auf den Sponsor der Sendung Arjan Kˆlzow, der auch Spenden f¸r die Sendekosten f¸r die 500 kW Aussendung in Wertachtal annimmt.

Tel. +49 [0] 4682/2688 oder per E-Mail <familie-koelzow @ t-online.de>
Good Bye um 16.56:05 UT.

Der Sender in Wertachtal blieb noch stumm in der Luft bis zur Abschaltung um 16.59:15 UT.

Die URL Livestream http://stream.server150.de/ by Arjan Kˆlzow.

Team of Anna, Christoph, Hauke and Wendy ended at 16.55:10 UT Febr 21.

Identification and transmission signing-off ("... til Febr 2011...")
mentioned also snail mail address of

Mr. Arjan Kˆlzow
Tanenwai 24
25946 Nebel (Amrum island)
Germany

which is the sponsor of this broadcast.

Tel. +49 [0] 4682/2688 E-Mail <familie-koelzow @ t-online.de>
Good Bye at 16.56:05 UT. No audio from Wertachtal anymore til shut-
down 1659:15 UT (Wolfgang B¸schel, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

It clearly is a private effort, triggered by reading a book in which
the J¸lich matter had been mentioned.

To recall the story: Radio ÷ˆmrang came to my attention in December
for the temporary FM licence they got for the first time, as announced
at
http://www.ma-hsh.de/pm-39-09-zuweisung-der-ukw-frequenz-auf-foehr-an-ok-sh-
zulassung-sylt-fernsehen.html
(last paragraph, the remainder of this press release deals with other
Fˆhr and Sylt matters)

Further research on the background of this licencee brought up
http://www.amrum-news.de/2009/02/18/radio-oomrang-geht-wieder-auf-sendungto/

with the remarks I reported here: Shortwave transmission in 2009 on
15230, with "five times as much power than in 2008" and now costing
300 Euro, so must be Wertachtal or Nauen with 500 kW. It also mentions
that the annual transmission cost initially 200 DM, which indicates
that they started to do it no later than in 2001.

And again, without the new FM service (which is what the web stream
contains, while the shortwave transmission was apparently also this
year recorded separately) I would not have come to know it, so it
would have gone by unnoticed again, like in 2009, 2008, 2007, ...

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Perhaps they referred to http://www.facebook.com/amrum

> Someone please explain what the name means

"÷ˆmrang is the dialect of the North Frisian language spoken on the

island of Amrum in the German region of North Frisia."
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/%C3%96%C3%B6mrang

> and its cognate in High German --- Friesisch, Amrum-Dialekt. (It apparently can only be paraphrased in German.)

> Is this Friesian dialect the same as the Plattdeutsch used
> e.g. by HCJB?

"The Frisian languages are the most closely related living European languages to English, although Scots is sometimes considered a separate language rather than a dialect of English, which would make Frisian the second most closely related. However, modern English and Frisian are mostly unintelligible to each other. Frisian languages bear similarities to Low German, Dutch (from which many Frisian words have been borrowed) and Danish, and Danish speakers are able to understand some spoken Frisian."
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Frisian_languages

So it's the same only in as far as both are West Germanic languages.
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/West_Germanic_languages

> ``PS: if you want to sponsor this broadcasting, it`s only paid
> by Mr. ----`` ... the ham radio operator who runs the whole thing.
Presumably the photo here closely resembles how the shortwave broadcast has been recorded:
http://www.radiowoche.de/index.php?area=1&p=news&newsid=8465
(Kai Ludwig, Germany, Feb 21, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GERMANY. [Cf. DRM below]. J¸lich reactivated as of Nov 20

The reports about the CVC showcase for the broadcasting fair that takes place in Delhi next week made me wonder: J¸lich?

Guess what, the site was silent for less than four weeks and is again in use already since Nov 20, Mon-Fri between 1626 and 1659 only, for TWR in Armenian on 5980, Thu and Fri also for Radio Xoriyo on 9820.
http://www.media-broadcast.com/fileadmin/user_upload/Downloads/B09_operational_060110.pdf

It seems that the current state of the site is somewhat similar to what IBB circles call "caretaker status", with transmitter engineers shortly showing up on workdays and the transmitters being used for real transmissions instead of testing them on dummy loads.

Would be another question for Glenn to ask Andrew Flynn, since in fact no real information about this matter is available so far, other than what appeared in the NASWA newsletter and the circumstance that first

all transmissions from J¸lich ceased as of Oct 25, like Brother Scare on 6110 which, sure enough, stays at Moosbrunn to which he has been transferred (Kai Ludwig, Germany, Feb 21, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1501, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GERMANY [and non]. Winter B-09 Media Broadcast (ex DTK T-Systems). Pt 1 of 3: [these are not filed under individual countries or non]

IBC Tamil Radio:
0000-0100 on 6045 WER 125 kW / 105 deg to SoAs Tamil
[but this has gone off; see SRI LANKA non]

Voice of Russia
0000-0100 on 11605 GUF 250 kW / 181 deg to Brasil Portuguese
0100-0300 on 9880 GUF 250 kW / 195 deg to SoAm Spanish
0200-0600 on 7335 GUF 250 kW / 318 deg to NoAm Spanish

Voice of Croatia in Coratian/English/Spanish:
0000-0400 on 7375 WER 100 kW / 300 deg to NEAm
0200-0600 on 7375 WER 125 kW / 325 deg to NWAm
2300-0400 on 7375 WER 100 kW / 240 deg to SoAm
[if they are all Wertachtal now, no Nauen, should no longer have a synchronization problem --- gh]

Radio Free Asia (RFA):
0100-0300 on 9670 WER 250 kW / 075 deg to SEAs Tibetan
[Tibet is not really in SE Asia --- gh]

Voice of America (VOA):
0230-0330 on 7205 WER 250 kW / 105 deg to WeAs Persian
0230-0330 on 9495 WER 250 kW / 105 deg to WeAs Persian
1630-1930 on 5850 WER 250 kW / 105 deg to WeAs Persian
1730-1830 on 9540 NAU 125 kW / 105 deg to WeAs Persian
1830-1930 on 9680 WER 100 kW / 105 deg to WeAs Persian
0500-0600 on 15225 NAU 250 kW / 105 deg to WeAs Kurdish
1400-1500 on 13740 WER 250 kW / 105 deg to WeAs Kurdish
1500-1530 on 5930 WER 250 kW / 075 deg to CeAs Uzbek
1600-1630 on 9465 WER 250 kW / 090 deg to CeAs Georgian
1830-1930 on 9495 WER 250 kW / 090 deg to CeAs Azeri
1630-1700 on 15620 WER 250 kW / 135 deg to EaAf Somali
1730-1800 on 9485 WER 250 kW / 135 deg to EaAf Afan Oromo Mon-Fri
1730-1800 on 11905 WER 250 kW / 150 deg to EaAf Afan Oromo Mon-Fri
1800-1830 on 9805 WER 250 kW / 150 deg to EaAf Arabic Hello Darfur
1800-1900 on 9485 NAU 250 kW / 140 deg to EaAf Amharic
1800-1900 on 11675 WER 250 kW / 135 deg to EaAf Amharic
1900-1930 on 9485 NAU 250 kW / 140 deg to EaAf Tigrigna
1900-1930 on 9815 WER 250 kW / 150 deg to EaAf Arabic Hello Darfur
2030-2100 on 11705 NAU 250 kW / 190 deg to CeAf Hausa Mon-Fri

2030-2100 on 6040 NAU 250 kW / 190 deg to CeAf French Sat/Sun

Deewa Radio
1400-1500 on 9565 WER 250 kW / 075 deg to WeAs Pashto

Radio Ashna
1530-1730 on 9770 WER 250 kW / 105 deg to WeAs Dari/Pashto

Radio Liberty (RL):
0400-0500 on 6105 WER 250 kW / 060 deg to EaEu Belorussian
0400-0600 on 6120 WER 250 kW / 055 deg to EaEu Belorussian
1600-1700 on 7220 WER 250 kW / 055 deg to EaEu Belorussian
2000-2200 on 7220 WER 250 kW / 060 deg to EaEu Belorussian
1600-1700 on 9790 WER 250 kW / 045 deg to EaEu Russian
1400-1500 on 9595 WER 250 kW / 060 deg to CeAs Uzbek
1400-1500 on 12015 WER 250 kW / 075 deg to CeAs Uzbek
1500-1530 on 11790 WER 250 kW / 075 deg to CeAs Kyrgyz
1600-1700 on 9485 WER 250 kW / 105 deg to CeAs Azeri

Radio Farda
0400-0500 on 9430 WER 250 kW / 105 deg to WeAs Persian
0600-0700 on 17675 WER 250 kW / 105 deg to WeAs Persian
1230-1600 on 13680 WER 250 kW / 105 deg to WeAs Persian
1800-1900 on 9595 WER 250 kW / 105 deg to WeAs Persian

Radio Japan NHK World
0330-0400 on 6130 WER 250 kW / 045 deg to EaEu Russian
0430-0500 on 5980 WER 500 kW / 060 deg to EaEu Russian
0530-0600 on 9850 WER 500 kW / 195 deg to WCAf French
0530-0600 on 11750 WER 500 kW / 180 deg to WCAf French
0830-0900 on 15190 WER 500 kW / 105 deg to WeAs Persian
1200-1230 on 9790 WER 250 kW / 300 deg to WeEu English

Brother Stair/The Overcomer Ministries (TOM):
1400-1600 on 6110 MOS 100 kW / 300 deg to WeEu English
1400-1600 on 13810 NAU 100 kW / 129 deg to N/ME English
1500-1600 on 17485 WER 100 kW / 180 deg to CeAf English

Radio Dabanga
1530-1625 on 13740 WER 500 kW / 150 deg to Sudan Sudanese Arabic
1630-1725 on 11655 WER 500 kW / 150 deg to Sudan Sudanese Arabic
[also on 13800 at same time via Madagascar --- gh]

Lutheran World Federation Voice of Gospel
1830-1900 on 9800 WER 500 kW / 180 deg to WCAf Fulani

FEBA Radio
1900-1930 on 7235 WER 250 kW / 105 deg to WeAs Arabic

Democratic Voice of Burma (DVOB):
2330-0030 on 7440 WER 125 kW / 075 deg to SEAs Burmese

Gospel For Asia (GFA):
2330-0030 on 7240 WER 250 kW / 075 deg to SEAs SEast Asian langs
0030-0130 on 7215 WER 250 kW / 090 deg to SEAs SEast Asian langs
1230-1500 on 15285 WER 250 kW / 090 deg to SEAs SEast Asian langs
1330-1530 on 12005 WER 250 kW / 090 deg to SEAs SEast Asian langs
1530-1630 on 11645 WER 250 kW / 090 deg to SEAs SEast Asian langs
(DX Mix News, Bulgaria, Feb 22 via DXLD)

** GERMANY [non]. Long gone are the days when something on 12095 had to be BBCWS and had to be in English. Feb 24 at 1411, G but fluttery signal in Pashto; recheck at 1447 in another language but with DW sounders and ID. Per Aoki, BBC takes a sesquihour break at 1330-1500, neatly filled by DW via SRI LANKA in Dari, Pashto and Urdu, 250 kW, 345 degrees, also USward (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GREECE. John, I remembered to tune to VoG this morning (Thursday the 18th) and I heard all three transmitters drop off air at 1000 UT, so it seems that the usual 1000-1100 break still applies. I'll check the Tuesday break too next week. 73 from (Noel Green, England, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

THANKS NOEL; SO THEIR PROGRAM SCHEDULE WITH A LISTING FOR 1000-1100 UT PROBABLY IS GOOD FOR THEIR INTERNET STATION ONLY (JOHN BABBIS, ibid.)

On Wednesday, February 24, 2010. ERA-5 will connect to the network of the Greek Broadcasting Corporation because of the 24-hour nationwide Pan-Hellenic strike of GSEE, from 06.00 until 06.00 Greece time (0400 until 0400 UT) the following day (via John Babbis, MD, Feb 23, a translation from ERA website? Via DXLD) Viz.:

24 February 2010: GENERAL STRIKE BY GSEE AND MASSIVE DEMONSTRATIONS

Europeís unions fully support the general strike in Greece and ask Eurozone Ministers to go for realistic and socially acceptable plans.

Europeís trade unions follow with great concern the situation in Greece and in particular the pressure by the Commission, the Eurozone Ministers and the European Central Bank (ECB) on the Greek government for harsher austerity. The Labour movement in Europe stands in full solidarity with Greek workers in their struggle against job cuts, wage freezes, wage and pension cuts. Europeís message to the Greek people should be one of stability and social progress and not one of deprivation and social dumping.

ìWe do not support the Eurozone Ministersí pressure on Greece to dash into rash decisions that will affect the poor, the sick, the old and which will upset the social fabric of Greek society. We want to see plans that are well balanced and which are socially acceptable,î stated European Trade Union Confederationís (ETUC) General Secretary John Monks in support of the hundred thousands of workers participating in the demonstrations 24 February 2010.

The government has announced a severe austerity package that involves radical cuts in wages and pensions, tax increases, large scale privatisation of public companies and cuts in health care and other public services as well as local government. Far from addressing the problem, these measures will only deepen the crisis since they will fuel unemployment, demolish welfare, squeeze household spending, and strangle economic activity. Yet Eurozone Finance Ministers and the ECB pressure Greece for a harsher package by a mid-March deadline.

ìThe Ministers are wrong to go for short-termism. We need realistic and long-term plans that are negotiated with the trade unions. The government, the unions and the employers have to find common solutions that build Greek society, not destroy it by irreversibly slashing jobs, workersí rights and privatizing public services and companiesî adds Carola Fischbach-Pyttel, General Secretary of the European Federation of Public Service Unions (EPSU). She adds: ìThe Ministers are once again caving in to the banks and financial speculators. Frankly speaking we have had enough of that. You will see more anger as banks and financial institutions continue to be protected and when speculators are not taxed for their reckless behaviour.î

The Greek trade unions are acutely aware of the countryís grave situation. They emphasize, however, that once more burden falls unequally on the working people who have already seen the gradual erosion of their rights, pensions and income. Greek unions propose instead a radically different policy mix that will support investment, growth and employment, safeguard incomes, upgrade the Stateís regulatory role and sustain social cohesion and the environment. They demand fair and effective taxation and measures to combat the underground economy, tax fraud and contribution evasion. Fully supported by the European Labour movement, Greek workers are determined to resist measures that favour markets and banks to the detriment of society and the real economy.

ETUC argues for Eurobonds, a European rating agency and new tax revenues including a transaction tax.

The Greek union confederations GSEE and Adedy are members of ETUC. EPSU is a member of the ETUC, organizing workers in public services across Europe. (Source? Via Babbis, Feb 23, DXLD)

** GREENLAND. 3815 USB, KNR, Tasiilaq, 2140-2214*, Feb 09, 10, 11 and 12 ---

They sent me with a nice QSL-letter with the text: ìWe hereby confirm your reception of the 3815 kHz transmitter. This equipment are used to relay the ordinary KNR news to ships in the Denmark strait. Best regards, Aasiaat radio (master)î. Stamped by verie signer Chief of Operations Mr. Bo Mogensen, TELE Greenland A/S, -1 FEB. 2010. It included also a nice photo of OZL Ammassalik radio located 65∫36N 37 38W. Postal address: TELE Greenland A/S, Teleservicecenter Aasiaat, Postboks 217, DK-3950 Aasiaat, Greenland. The mail took only 7 days from I sent my report with 2 USD. Thank you to Wiespointner for this effective address (Anker Petersen, Skovlunde, Denmark, DSWCI DX Window Feb 17 via DXLD)

3815, 2125-2214* 18.02, KNR Tasiilaq (USB) Greenlandic/Danish. Greenlandic choir songs, 2130 Greenlandic news, 2150 KNR newsjingle, choir song, 2200 Danish news and reports, 2213 orchestra music and off 25332 Only audible in USB and the most narrow bandwidth! (Anker Petersen, on the AOR AR7030PLUS with 28 metres longwire here in snowcovered Skovlunde, Denmark, via Dario Monferini, playdx yg via DXLD)

3815, Gr¯nlands R, Tasiilak, 2153-2212*, 19 Feb'10, Danish, music, announcements, newscast 2200, classical music excerpt followed by more announcements and pops till abrupt closure as usual; 35443 73, (Carlos GonÁalves, PORTUGAL, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

3815, 2155-2213* 20-02, KNR, Tasiilaq (USB), extraordinary strong tonight! Greenlandic songs, 2200 KNR newsjingle and news in Danish ending with: "Vi har ikke flere nyheder fra radioavisen. Fortsat god loerdag aften!" (= "We do not have more news from the radio newscast. Have a good Saturday evening!"), short music, announcement in Greenlandic and one choir song, 35434 (Anker Petersen, done on my AOR AR7030PLUS with 28 m longwire, Skovlunde, Denmark, via Dario Monferini, playdx yg via DXLD)

** GUAHAN. Re 10-07: And to think, the US Mint just stamped all those Guam-branded 25-cent pieces as part of the 50 State Quarters extension to cover the occupied colonies and DC. They're already obsolete. Legal tender, but obsolete (Terry L Krueger, Clearwater, Florida, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Perhaps Florida should be respelt too, ``Florida``

** GUAM. Oops, I mean GUAHAN. 15255, Feb 23 at 1408, nice songs in S Asian language, 1410 during talk, ``Adventist World Radio`` pronounced as in English. Good signal but with deep slow fades. Was listed as KSDA, but with such good reception, figured it`s more likely switched

to Austria now --- no, still KSDA, due west in Sinhala. The 7DAs do manage to integrate their message into local musical styles. Gone at 1434 recheck, appropriate as it`s a 1400-1430 transmission (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GUAHAN. 9345, TWR IS at 1343 Feb 24, good signal, 1345 opening with ``Namaskar``, ID as ``Yi KTWR, AgaÒa, Guam``, I think she still said, rather than Guahan, and into kid choir. No listings in FCC or Aoki for KTWR on this frequency, just a wooden registration for WWCR at 12-24! But EiBi and WRTH 2010 print do show KTWR on 9345 with Santhali daily from 1345 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GUINEA. Conakry on 7125 kHz not heard since 12th February (Pekka Kemppinen, Finland, OH2BLU, Intruder Alert Feb 18 via BC-DX 20 Feb via DXLD) Yes, also missing here at many chex (gh, Feb 20, DXLD)

** GUYANA. The Sparendaam shortwave transmitter site in the eastern part of Georgetown is off the air and operations will be resumed from a new site in the western part of the capital in February 2010 on 3290 and 5950 kHz (WRTH Domestic update Feb 19 via DXLD)

Only a few days left; hurry up (gh, DXLD)

** HONDURAS. 3290, extremely distorted FMy broadcast signal, Feb 19 at 0210, mixing music with talk which I eventually decided was Spanish. Slope detexion did not help much. I forced myself to listen to this garbage for almost an hour in hopes of something identifiable. At 0213 music with a heavy beat, more Spanish talk.

What could this be? It`s obviously not a spur from a proper 90 mb frequency such as REE/Costa Rica 3350, not //. BUT, Radio Misiones Internacional, 3340 is missing. Not unusual, as they are quite sporadic, but it`s my prime suspect, with #2 possibility being the other 90 mb Honduran, HRPC, Radio Luz y Vida, which is also missing from its frequency 3250.

It was mostly a feminine voice doing the distorting. At 0220 heard dios mentioned, and tentatively at 0226 Misiones Internacional[es]. Long talk-only segment followed, presumably sermon until 0248 announcements and music. Could not make out any ID even at hourtop 0300 as it went on. At times I was trying to detect if English was inmixed, as we know this station sometimes does, but just too distorted.

ASAP I asked dxldyg monitors to check it, especially anyone who has NBFM-receive capability which might audiblize it better. Please keep an ear on 3290 in case it happen later in the night or subsequently.

3340 used to be known by calls HRMI, but WRTH 2010y shows HREZ, with merely the slogan Radio MI. Unfortunately, no chance this is GUYANA, which is supposed to be reactivating shortwave any time now with new transmitter and antennas.

After hearing the extremely distorted FMy signal in Spanish on 3290 past 0300 UT Feb 19, I next checked at 0628 but it was gone, just the usual ute noises. Still tentatively think it is HREZ, Radio MI. They used to run well past 0600 or perhaps all-night, but have not heard them on proper 3340 this late in months (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1501, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hi Glenn, Per your log: Having roof repaired at the moment which involves the taking down of the Noise Reducing Antenna for a week or so resulting in poor tuning of 90 meter band here. Have a 60 meter dipole up and if roofers and their trucks leave this afternoon can extend the legs of the 60 mb for 90 meters. Will check this out and let you know what I hear. 3340 has been silent for a while. 3279 Ecuador? and 3250?? Best 73s (Bob Wilkner, FL, Feb 19, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

After hearing the extremely distorted Spanish signal on 3290 UT Feb 19, I checked briefly following nites around same time 0200+, but nothing there, nor any normal transmission on 3340, suspected source being HREZ. May have been a one-off, but we can always hope for a more identifiable two-off. I should add that 3290 is not a likely MW harmonic frequency, unless of course the fundamental is a split (Glenn Hauser, OK, UT Feb 22, WORLD OF RADIO 1501, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

3290, Unid Distorted signal, 1100 23 Feb (Robert Wilkner, Pompano Beach, Florida, Drake R8, Icom 746proDL, 60 meter band dipole, 41 meter band dipole, HCDX via DXLD)

? The extremely distorted Spanish signal heard a few nights ago around 3290 is back, at 0300+ UT Feb 24. Now centered about 3287, spreading 3282-3292. Bob Wilkner, FL, also had an unID on 3290 at 1100 this morning. Can someone try tuning it on NBFM or any other tricks to make it intelligible enough for an ID? I think it is probably Radio MI, HREZ, Honduras, missing from 3340. Kept listening but could not make anything out of it. Modulation stopped at 0354, and carrier off at 0355* (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1501, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Radio Luz y Vida from 3250, ID noted a few evenings ago in tortured FM (David E. Crawford, Indian River City, Florida, Feb 25, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INDIA. Re: ``AIR Kolkata (presumed), on 4820.77, at 1312 + 1355, Feb 17. In vernacular; it was in December that I last noted them off

from their normal 4820.0; signal slowly improving.``

Heard back on their normal frequency again at 1515, Feb 18 (Ron Howard, Asilomar Beach, California, USA, EtÛn E1 with antenna of 200 feet of Flexweave wire, dx_india yg via DXLD)

** INDIA. AIR Kohima on air after 10 days --- Gautam Sharma from Assam noted AIR Kohima 4850 at around 1143 UT check in on 21st Feb 2010. They were off air since last 10 days. At 1355 UT - Local news in English by OM, 45444 here in Delhi. Off air at 1401 just after English news (Alokesh Gupta, VU3BSE, New Delhi, India, http://alokeshgupta.blogspot.com/ Feb 21, dx_india yg via DXLD)

** INDIA. Kurseong off the air, but according to Partha Goswami, station is using 1 kW standby transmitter on 4895. Heard very weak relaying Delhi news at 0033 18/02 mixing with Mongolia (Victor Goonetilleke, Sri Lanka, Feb 18, dx_india yg via DXLD) Heard by you or by him? Then it is not off the air, apparently! (gh)

** INDIA. 4920, Feb 23 at 1313, SSOB below 5000, as not much on 4750 today, talk in S Asian language, mentioned a www. --- .in plus postal address more than once with lots of zeroes in it; 1315 to music. 1335 still in with music and talk, but weaker. It`s AIR Chennai, 50 kW non-direxional. No other AIRs making a modulated showing on 60m, nor any Chinese, so no Tibet QRM (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INDIA. 5010, S Asian music, Feb 21 at 0048. Surely AIR Thiruvananthapuram, and it must have been close to grayline peak, gradually fading down noticeably by 0100 and weaker than 4980, see EAST TURKISTAN.

Madagascar 5010 would propagate but normally not on air all night; Dominican Republic goes off by 2400, and has rarely been reported lately even before that. Also missing for a long time is HREZ`s sesquiharmonic of 3340 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INDIA. 9870, AIR VBS via Bengaluru, usual good signal Feb 23 at 1450-1500 with some really hot Bollywood music. This is what SWLing is all about --- immersing oneself somewhat in the entertainment of a culture from the other worldside, literally, transpolar. 9870 is audible here long hours (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INDIA [and non]. 13645, gearing up to look for V. of Southern Azerbaijan, possible ID of something heard from Brasil between 16 and 17, I check the frequency at 1506 Wednesday Feb 24 and there is open carrier, but it`s AIR, and at 1512 going from tone to IS prior to Gujurati service via Bengaluru at 1515-1600. Recheck at 1600 just as it goes off and nothing further heard on frequency.

VOSA, if really back after last report in 2003, was then supposedly Thu and Fri only, tho Fabricio Andrade Silva in Santa Catarina was hearing something strong on 13645 last Friday and Saturday between +1615 and 1659*, so we need to look for this the next three days. VOSA was a clandestine for a breakaway part of Iran, not Azerbaijan proper. Nothing is currently listed on 13645 at 16-17 between India and China (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INDIA. All India Radio [DRM] test transmissions (for next one week)

0430-0530 UT in simulcast mode on 6090 + 6108 kHz [sic]
0900-1200 UT Multichannel DRM on 6100 kHz.
0430-0730 UT on 17760 kHz in DRM mode (Thai Language)

Reception Reports to : spectrum-manager @ air.org.in (Alokesh Gupta, VU3BSE, New Delhi, India, Feb 22, dx_india yg via DXLD)

** INDIA. NFADE historic MARCH to PARLIAMENT

National Federation of Doordarshan and Akashvani Employees

NFADE Organised historical MARCH to PARLIAMENT to emphasize the demand ìREPEAL PRASAR BHARATI ACTî. The MARCH was attended by more than 3500 employees belonging to all cadres and streams from SAG level to peon. The historic March was addressed by a galaxy of leaders and Híble Members of Parliament from various political parties and union leaders.

Apart from NFADE Leaders today march was addressed by Sh. Mohd. Amin, Gen.Secy. CITU, MP (CPM) & member Polit Beuro , Adv. Sh. A Sampath, MP Loksabha (CPM), Sh. M.B.Rajesh, MP Loksabha (CPM), Sh. Maheshwar Hajari, MP Loksabha JDU, Sh. K.K.N. Kuttey, Secy.Gen. (Conf. of Cent Govt. Employees & Workers) & Sh. Harvinder Singh, Union leader from Bank of India.

All leaders pledge support of support of their respective organizations. Híble Member of Parliament informed that they have already asked the question in Parliament which will come in budget session of Parliament. Sh. Mohan Singh who could not attend the meeting due to his preoccupation send a message with pledging support of Samjvadi Party.

NFADE leaders warned the if Govt. will not take any decision, NFADE members will take Mass Casual Leave on 17th March 2010 which will stop the transmission and jeopardize the working of National and Public Bícaster. As Press and Media is stated to be fourth Pillar of democracy it will not be good for the democracy of the country (via

http://www.nfade.org/ via (SURENDRA KUMAR), Member, NFADE, India, Feb 24, DXLD)

** INDIA. All India Radio is planning to introduce internet services including webcasting and podcasting in future. These features will be available on a new website http://www.allindiaradio.in an exclusive preview of which was available at BES Expo at Delhi. At least 20 channels, including some regional channels and VBS will be available via online streaming (Live audio).

News, music and drama will also be available htrough on demand audio. News, talk shows and other programs will also be available thru podcast services. Later on AIR plans to put its archives (AIR and DD music) online which will be available for download at a price (Alokesh Gupta, New Delhi, Feb 01, DSWCI DX Window Feb 17 via DXLD)

** INDONESIA. 3995, RRI Kendari, 1307, 2/21/10. Signal strong enough to tell was pop-style music.

3976, Pontianak, slightly weaker and audio a bit distorted. Seemed // (Jerry Strawman, Des Moines, IA, Drake R8B, Wellbrook 330S & ALA-100 Loops, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INDONESIA. 4896.9, Unidentified Radio Republik Indonesia station. Feb. 14 & 15 at 2050-2105 in Indonesian. SINPO 25332. Music progam till 2059, then ID as "Inilah Radio Republik Indonesia..." & Rayuan Pulau Kelapa. News followed at 2100. Low modulation (Iwao Nagatani, Japan, Japan Premium Feb 19 via DXLD)

That`s exciting, as the trend is for more and more stations to abandon SW. Of course this could be a current one on a new/wrong frequency; can anyone dredge up what RRI used to be around 4897?

BTW, when looking up Indo SW listings in WRTH 2010, note that in addition to the RRI stations on page 229, there are still two non-RRI SW on page 233 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Dear Glenn, Probably I think 4896.9 to be a typing error of 4869.9 kHz on RRI Wamena. Monitor it in 6 SDR-PERSEUS every day, and it is recorded by a member of NDXC, but 4896.9 kHz are not recorded.
cf. "Indonesian Radio Station" by A. Ishida
http://www.max.hi-ho.ne.jp/a-ishida/ins/
(S. Hasegawa, NDXC, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INDONESIA. 9526-, VOI at 1335 Feb 19, YL speaking English undermodulatedly (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9525.97. V. of Indonesia. Strong signal but deadair to 1015. Audio

suddenly brought up at 1015 with W in middle of commentary in English. 1016 brief music bridge, then W with ID "You're tuned to the Voice of Indonesia in Jakarta." and into another feature. (20 Feb)
(Dave Valko, Dunlo PA, HCDX via DXLD)

9680, RRI, which suffered from Firedrake the day before, lacked it Feb 23 at 1304, with ID, well atop some much weaker signal, maybe Taiwan, causing SAH.

New frequency for VOI, 9525-, Feb 23 at 1305. No more 4+ kHz het against 9530 station. Yes, after months on 9526-, they have switched back to 9525-, presumably from another transmitter. It`s just a smidgin below frequency, not as far down as 9524.9.

Two YLs in English referring to Banjarmasin, constant hum and somewhat undermodulated but strong signal makes it mostly readable. 1308 to a report by the guy in that city. 1317 W&W introduce next program, soft-spoken M talking about agriculture. 1320 mention ``Exotic Indonesia`` which is the every-Tuesday live(?) hookup with RRI Banjarmasin, still going after many months; YLs announced the usual three frequencies, and finally ``9525`` is more or less correct; website http://www.voi.co.id and also Banj`s FM frequency where this can be heard.

1322, Today in History, starting with US topping Iwo Jima in 1945. Too much more to monitor so I miss the rest of it, but at 1348 it`s mostly music fill, W&W giggling, 1354 closing transmission with love. No signal at next check 1435 (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1501, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Voice of Indonesia has been heard on 9525 kHz on February 23. *1205-1405*, Japanese at 1205, English at 1300 and Indonesian at 1401
(Atsunori Ishida, http://www.max.hi-ho.ne.jp/a-ishida/ins/ via DXLD)
Nothing from him yet about 4896 unID

** INTERNATIONAL VACUUM. Iranian jamming jams up the BBG
Posted By Josh Rogin Wednesday, February 17, 2010 - 8:09 PM
http://thecable.foreignpolicy.com/posts/2010/02/18/iranian_jamming_jams_up_the_bbg

The Iranian regime's blanket censorship of satellite and Internet communications last week was so effective, it led many to wonder, why didn't the U.S. government do more to stop it?

But despite strong statements from the podium in Foggy Bottom, the Obama White House appears to be treading carefully. Three sources tell The Cable that the National Security Council at first tried to prevent Jeff Trimble, executive director of the Broadcasting Board of Governors, the independent agency that oversees the U.S. government's

media operations including Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty and Voice of America, from allowing VOA to attach its name to a statement last week with Deutsche Welle and the British Broadcasting Corporation protesting Iranian signal jamming.

Two sources close to the issue say the NSC first didn't want the VOA to join the statement if it mentioned "jamming." Later in the email chain, the NSC modified its position to object to the use of the term "intensified jamming."

According to Trimble, "The BBG wasn't asked not to participate in the statement. NSC is OK with our confirming that jamming continues, they ask that we not say for now that it has intensified," one Feb. 11 email from Trimble to several BBG staffers read.

Dan Austin, the president of VOA, acknowledged that changes had been made to the statement, but declined to discuss the NSC's role. He said that the U.S. government should not be interfering with the BBG's editorial content, but acknowledged that on the communications and policy side, the lines were less clear.

"If it doesn't violate the letter of the firewall, common sense dictates it violates the spirit," a BBG official told The Cable on background basis.

VOA did finally join the statement, and Trimble declined to confirm or deny that the White House pressured him. His spokeswoman sent The Cable a list of actions BBG has taken to combat Iranian censorship and referred to two previous BBG statements on the issue.

Meanwhile, the State Department says it is working furiously to increase its capabilities to confront the kind of censorship promulgated by Iran last week, bringing major Silicon Valley companies and top tech executives into the fold, and rushing to develop technologies that can overcome even the most draconian measures.

"We have gone from zero to 100 on this issue in the last 30 days, after inheriting an incredibly empty policy from the last administration," a State Department official told The Cable. "Does that mean that as of right now we are as far along as we intend to be in the not-distant future? Absolutely not."

The White House and NSC did not respond to queries by the time of publication (via Alokesh Gupta, dxldyg via DXLD)

** IRAN. 15545, I picked to listen to for a while due to interesting music from VIRI`s Arabic service, Feb 22 at 1548. But within two minutes switched to incomprehensible talk discussion. Cut off the air

abruptly at 1553:25 and returned at 1554:40, but now noticeably weaker. Was this a deliberate transmitter/antenna switch during continuously scheduled Arabic service at 0530-1630 via Sirjan? Or some failure lacking complete recovery (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** IRAN [non]. N„o-identificada em 13645 kHz --- Ol· amigos, Entre as 1645 e 1659 UT sintonizei em 13645 kHz, com SINPO 55444 uma emissora que n„o consegui reconhecer, falando um idioma que, por suas caracterÌsticas, provavelmente era oriundo da ¡sia Central. Ao fim da emiss„o mencionou-se algo como Afghanistan ou Azerbaijan. N„o consegui localiza-lo nas listas. Entretanto, consegui encontrar em alguns boletins antigos que apresentavam uma tal de Bura Janubi Azerbaijan Sasi nessa frequÍncia, em hor·rio compatÌvel. Seria possÌvel? Grato. 73's (Fabricio Andrade Silva, Tubar„o - SC, Brasil, Sony sw ICF 7600 GR, Antena Loop Blindada, Feb 19, radioescutas yg via WORLD OF RADIO 1501, DXLD)

Amigo FabrÌcio, Existe sim a possibilidade de vocÍ tenha escutado a Bura Januni Azerbaijan Sasi. Esta emissora È mantida por uma organizaÁ„o polÌtica independente do Sul do Arzebaij„o.

Sendo assim, È uma emissora considerada clandestina pelo governo do Azerbaij„o e por isso costuma ficar fora do ar por algum tempo para evitar perseguiÁıes das forÁas governamentais, em outros momentos muda de frequÍncia de transmiss„o.

Esta emissora È mantida pela FNISA - National & Independent Front of Southern Azerbaijan (Frente Nacional Independente do Sul do Azerbaij„o), e transmite exclusivamente em Azernaijano e sua identificaÁ„o caracterÌstica È "Bura Janubi Azerbaij„o Sasi".

Estive analisando a tua escuta e verifiquei que ela ocorreu no hor·rio da tarde (1645 ‡s 1659 UT) e a qualificaÁ„o SINPO foi excelenete para uma escuta deste naipe (55444), com sinal forte e pouco ruido.

VocÍ n„o mencionou se no momento da escuta teve apenas a possÌbilidade de ouvir por estes nove minutos por suas ocupaÁıes no momento ou se a emissora sumiu depois das 1659 UT e assim n„o deu pr· avaliar se foi uma condiÁ„o moment,nea de propagaÁ„o ou n„o.

Mas, mantenha monitoramento nesta frequÍncia (13645) e se possÌvel faÁa uma gravaÁ„o desta emissora, caso ela volta a aparecer, pois muito provavelmente vocÍ ir· conseguir ouvÌ-la novamente, principalmente porque esta banda de 21 metros est· se tornando bem mais af·vel ·s nossas captaÁıes aqui no Brasil.

Todo dexista sabe que diferente do que se diz dos r·ios, uma emissora

difÌcil, quase sempre, volta a ser captada no mesmo local... E para nÛs da AmÈrica do Sul, com toda certeza, esta emissora se trata de um magnÌfico DX.

Por ser uma emissora clandestina, eles recebem informes de recepÁ„o atravÈs de um endereÁo na ¡ustria, que È: RAN - Voice of Southern Azerbaij„o, Vosa Ltd., Postfach 108, A-1193 Viena, ¡ustria

Caso vocÍ consiga dados suficientes para emitir um informe de recepÁ„o; faÁa-o em inglÍs que eles ir„o responder.

J· a muito tempo n„o tenho notÌcias de escuta desta emissora. No passado, ela transmitia somente ·s Quintas e Sextas Feiras, na frequÍncia de 9570 kHz, mas posteriormente passou a operar tambÈm em 13645 kHz. Um abraÁo, (Adalberto Marques de Azevedo, Barbacena - MG, ibid.)

Muito obrigado, amigo Adalberto. Na verdade a emissora saiu do ar apÛs as 16:59. Realmente o sinal estava impec·vel, as condiÁıes estavam Ûtimas. Amanh„ voltarei a monitorar a frequÍncia. Grande abraÁo! 73's (Fabricio, ibid.)

Ol· Adalberto, Captei a dita emissora dos 13645 kHz hoje novamente, entre 1615 UT (momento em que primeiro a percebi) e 1659 (quando saiu do ar), em boas condiÁıes (44333) - embora nem t„o boas quanto ontem (que atribui 55444). AlÈm disso, fiz a gravaÁ„o de quase todo o programa; n„o sei se ficou a contento. Informo que n„o percebi, em nenhum momento, nenhuma fala no exÛtico idioma que pudesse atestar diretamente ser a emissora azeri.

A emiss„o comeÁa com um notici·rio breve, passa a uma espÈc ie de relato, que do meio em diante se tornou uma das experiÍncias mais angustiantes que j· vivi no Dxismo. Duas mulheres falavam lamuriosamente, entre choro e vozes carregadas de afliÁ„o. Ao ler um site dxista (qsl.net) que a emissora tambÈm transmite relatos da "vida di·ria de pessoas do Sul do Azerbaij„o sob a opress„o do Ir„", tudo comeÁou a fazer um certo sentido.

Fiquei um pouco confuso quando, durante uma parte do relato, tocou-se ao fundo um solo de violino de "Noite Feliz". Sendo o Azerbaij„o um paÌs muÁulmano, isso realmente me intrigou.

Disponibilizo a gravaÁ„o (ou partes selecionadas dela) para o amigo, se asim desejar, assim como a ofereÁo a todos os amigos da lista. … um desafio interessante. Muito obrigado pela atenÁ„o. 73's (FabrÌcio Andrade Silva, Tubar„o - SC, Brasil, Sony ICF sw 7600 gr, Antena Loop Blindada, 1717 UT Feb 20, ibid.)

``Southern Azerbaijan`` is in fact over the border in IRAN; thus our placement of this item. The last reference I can find to it in DXLD was 3-034 of Feb 28, *2003*:

``IRAN [non]. 9375, Voice of Southern Azerbaijan, *1629-1700*, Feb 06 and 13, Azeri talks with very frequent mentions of Azerbaijan, ID heard as: ``Danisir cenub Azerbaican Radiosu.`` 44444 slight CWQRM. It is probably the same station which did broadcast on 13645 around August 1998 (Masato Ishii, Shibata-shi, Japan and Anker Petersen, Denmark, DSWCI DX Window Feb 26 via DXLD)``

Possibly they are back; it looks as if the 2003 report may also have been after a long absence since 1998. It would be strange to resume the same time and frequency of so long ago, but 16-17 happens to be a hole in usage of 13645 between India and China. With such a big signal in southern Brasil, it is surely via one of the major SW transmitter sites with time for sale. The new report was on Friday, and Adalberto says its schedule was once on Thursdays and Fridays only, but FabrÌcio heard it again on Saturday, so let`s look for it this week.

The reference to qsl.net leads to
http://www.clandestineradio.com/intel/station.php?id=86&stn=346
which has not really been updated in years and has only very sketchy info under IRAN, not Azerbaijan:

``Organization: National Revival Movement of Southern Azerbaijan (also known as Southern Azerbaijan National Awakening Movement), which is linked to the irredentist National Liberation Movement of Southern Azerbaijan.

Location Unknown
Languages Farsi
Identification Unknown
Active January 8, 2003 - present
Contact Unknown``

The audio link says ``sign on January 23, 2003, but plug-ins are required. It also mentions intervalsignals.net, and going there also under IRAN, we find a nice 2-minute studio-quality (?) recording at
http://www.intervalsignals.net/files/irn-voice_of_southern_azerbaijan_230103.m3u

Note also that the ID quoted in the 2003 log above is in a Turkic language, presumably Azeri, and not Farsi (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1501, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** JAPAN [non]. 17605, NHK is still devoting a Sunday-morning hour to western classical music, at 2335 UT Saturday Feb 20 check, good signal altho 170 degrees, via Bonaire, 250 kW. Axually it`s a bihour

transmission starting at 2200, following a semihour of RNW Dutch [not Japanese as in my original report] on same parameters from 2100 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** KAZAKHSTAN. There is no external service from one of the world`s largest countries, let alone anything in English, but Kazakhstan is kind enough to relay our gospel huxters to predominantly non-Christian countries in the vicinity: Feb 23 at 1324, there is anti-church cult leader Harold Camping (end of world minus 15 months and counting) on 9310 with echo. This is scheduled as via Almaty at 12-14, 200 kW, 132 degrees. So an easy way to QSL this country via Family Radio.

WRTH 2010 says there are 9 x 100 kW transmitters at Almaty (Dmitriyevka, while Aoki calls it Nikolayevka --?), so they have plenty of capability and can be doubled up. WRTH also says there are 4 x 1000 kW SW transmitters at another site, Qaraturyq! But I can`t find any listings for those axually being on air. Does anyone know the status of it?

In reality, all the current A-A transmissions are listed as 200 kW, or 500 kW = 5 x 100 kW transmitters at once, or half a thousand? Another anomaly: Aoki shows 9310 as the highest frequency in use from Kaz, while HFCC shows several 11 and 15 MHz channels registered (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1501, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

But in times gone by for not too many years there was. They even had an airtime exchange with Radio Ukraine International, thus programmes from Almaty have been transmit from Brovary during the nineties.

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An old shortwave site, 25 km north of Almaty.
http://www.panoramio.com/photo/25121404
http://www.panoramio.com/photo/10837107
http://www.panoramio.com/photo/10836952

Partial view from the air:
http://www.panoramio.com/photo/24336440

Same corner from the ground:
http://www.panoramio.com/photo/24559979

And the school in the settlement that belongs to the transmitter plant:
http://www.panoramio.com/photo/10836945

> WRTH also says there are 4 x 1000 kW SW transmitters at

> another site, Qaraturyq!

Actually located between this town (aka. Karaturuk) and the Kapchagai reservoir, about 70 km east/northeast of Almaty:
http://maps.google.de/?
ie=UTF8&ll=43.644399,77.941046&spn=0.045589,0.076389&t=h&z=14

A typical post-1970 high power site. Some SGD-RA fixed dipole walls and wire curtains can be seen, also what I think are two ND masts for 243 and 549 kHz (but it is just speculation for now that Karaturuk was the site for these frequencies), plus a Kvadrat four mast directional antenna which must be for 900 kHz, in the past used for external services.

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The latter. 500 kW indicates Karaturuk, like all the other high power sites in the CIS (Grigoriopol, Tbilisskaya etc.) no longer running full 1000 kW on shortwave. 200 kW transmissions originate from Dmitriyevka instead, combining two transmitters to a pair as it was routine practice at the now closed Yekaterinburg site, too.

Both sites are thrown into one "A-A" basket for HFCC purposes, like the three sites in Moscow area are all "MSK although located dozens kilometres away from each other. Thus one has to look at the power to tell which of the two Alma Ata sites it is.

Concerning the status: Dmitriyevka, also called "Radio Center 5" (but this is an ambiguous referrer, there are other "Radio Center 5" elsewhere in the CIS) appears to see regular use. But is Karaturuk on air as present? It was in use by DW a few years ago, but I think it is no longer now.

Anyway closed down are the above mentioned 243, 549 and 900 kHz transmitters. High power AM transmissions from Kazakhstan are confined to shortwave nowadays.

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Some of these registrations could be mere wood. Thus it is also unclear whether or not Karaturuk transmitters are on air at present.

If all HFCC entries reflect real transmissions the answer would of course be "yes" (Kai Ludwig, Germany, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** KOREA NORTH. 2850, KCBS with steady S9+10 signal during pop piano concerto Feb 19 at 1318, shortly announced in Korean (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** KOREA NORTH [non]. SEOUL BROADCASTER SMUGGLES UNCENSORED VOICES OUT OF N. KOREA --- Scene inside Free North Korea Radio /VOA [caption]

Shortwave radio broadcasting to North Korea is nothing new. The Voice of America has done it for decades, and many other organizations have sprouted up in recent years. The content is often a collaborative effort between South Koreans and North Korean escapees who have taken up residence in the South. But one broadcaster is giving North Korea residents an opportunity to hear from each other.

The broadcaster in Seoul, called Free North Korea Radio, is taking an innovative and risky step: it records the voices of people living in North Korea, then broadcasts those voices back into the North.

"We have at least one stringer, or reporter, in every North Korean province. We throw them issues to talk about, like 'currency reform', or 'market conditions.' They go out and do interviews, and put together a sort of news report," said Kim Seong Min, the broadcaster's director, who is himself a defector from North Korea.

The result is a program called "Voices of the People," an unfiltered sample of what some North Korean citizens have to say about their leadership.

"Kim Jong-il is such a hypocrite. He only cares about himself. He makes everyone obey him and praise him, as if that is such a good thing to do. Sometimes he hands out presents. But those presents all came from the sweat and blood of the people," said one person heard on the broadcast.

Such criticism of North Korean leader Kim Jong-il is a potentially capital offense.

Free North Korea Radio connects with North Korean citizens via mobile phones. But conversations have to be brief to avoid tracing.

Longer reports are recorded onto tiny digital devices similar to these. The devices are passed hand-to-hand in a chain that smuggles them across North Korea's border with China.

Director Kim says getting the sound to Seoul is accomplished in less

than a month. There is risk, and stress, for everyone involved.

Voices are electronically distorted to protect identities. However, not all reporters are told their recordings will be broadcast back into North Korea. Kim downplays concerns about journalistic ethics. "We are doing this for the democratization of North Korea. Since what we are dealing with here is unlike any other ordinary state, and considering how much oppression the North Korean people are suffering from, we cannot condemn this as a violation of media ethics," he said.

Kim says all of the contributors to "Voices of the People" are individuals he and his team have known for at least five years. The recording devices, he says, are supplied by American and Japanese activists.

VOA News / Feb. 24, 2010 10:48 KST Source: http://bit.ly/auhc3C
(Via Yimber GavirÌa, Colombia, DXLD)

"Seoul Broadcaster Smuggles Uncensored Voices Out Of North Korea"
[same story] video can be downloaded (2 min, 33 sec; 18.6 MB) at:
http://bbgvoa.edgeboss.net/download/bbgvoa/kickapps/videos/931130.mp4
Regards, DL (Dragan Lekic, Serbia, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** KURDISTAN. 3916.06, 0415-0425, CLANDESTINE, 19.02, R Voice of Kurdistan, Sulaimaniya, Iraq. Farsi ann, Kurdish songs, jammed 43433 (Anker Petersen, on the AOR AR7030PLUS with 28 metres longwire here in snowcovered Skovlunde, Denmark, via Dario Monferini, playdx yg via DXLD)

Dear Glenn, CLANDESTINE, 4788.87, Voice of Iranian Kurdistan, via Salah Al-Din, Iraq, 0425-0435, Feb 19, Kurdish announced a song, 0430 Farsi talk (news ?), 32432 Jammed by Iran. At 0445-0450 both had moved to 4770.97, thus also jamming WWCR, at least here in Europe! (Anker Petersen, Denmark, WORLD OF RADIO 1501, DX LISTENING DIGEST) See WWCR

** KYRGYZSTAN. Kyrgyz R modulation level is rather low on all 4005/4050/4795 and nearly no audio at all on 6030 (Hits SW) transmitter (Jari Savolainen, Finland in Dxplorer via DSWCI DX Window Feb 17 via DXLD))

** LAOS [non]. Some TDP changes: Suaab Xaa Moo Zoo in Hmong from Feb.1 2230-2300 NF 5930 TAI 100 kW / 250 deg to SEAs Daily, ex 7510, re-ex 11760 (DX Mix News, Bulgaria, Feb 22 via DXLD)

** LIBYA [and non]. 21695, V. of Africa English ID at 1512 Feb 22, big S9+18 signal better than // 17725, into African music, what a pity: crummy lo bitrate, when it could have been as hi-fi as a strong steady analog SW signal possiblizes.

Meanwhile Saudi HQS had much better audio on somewhat lesser S9+9 21460 signal at 1513; Spain 21610 and 21570 S9+7 at 1514.

15215, Feb 25 at 1637 disco music into French talk about dÈmocracie, so must be from a democratic nation, right? Wrong, it`s La Voix de l`Afrique, from Q`daffy`s Great Jamahiriyah, // better 17725. BTW, the final PWBR claimed this is via France starting at 1700. Not (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MADAGASCAR. 5010.01, Radio Madagasikara, 0247-0310, Feb 20, tune-in to local pop music. IS at 0254. Choral National Anthem at 0256. Opening ID announcements at 0258 followed by local music. Malagasy talk at 0300 and lite music. Reduced carrier USB. Fair signal (Brian Alexander, PA, DX Listening Digest)

** MADAGASCAR [non]. Another weekend, and will R. Mada finally quit colliding with Miraya FM? I start checking 15670 at 1521 Feb 20, when the Miraya signal from Sudan via Slovakia is quite poor and fluttery, hard to tell if another carrier is involved.

Nothing on 15680 or 15660, my suggested alternatives from Radio Mada. At 1527, 15670 Miraya has rapid flutter circa 10 Hz which I suspect is a SAH, but apparently not, because:

At 1529 there is a stronger open carrier on 15660, but also with heavy flutter, peaking S9+5. Undermodulated talk starts late about 1530:25, brief jingle, and intonation sounds French; 1531 cut to better mod, YL maybe on phone line. Not sure if totally in French, mixed with Malagasy or French-accented Malagasy. Also has long/short-path echo, from Pridnestrovye site.

Anyhow, both services are now on clear frequencies after more than a month of colliding, so a cause for celebration: R Mada on new 15660 Sat & Sun 1530-1600. We have been wondering how much longer this will last anyway as the post-coup political situation in Madagascar evolves (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1501, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MALAYSIA. The ëAí Word --- Luke Hunt, February 17th 2010

Malaysia has carefully crafted an image as a multi-cultural home for the worldís races and religions. But this picture of harmony is being challenged from all sides -- by the government, in the courts and from the pulpit. Luke Hunt travels across the country to report on why. . .
http://www.the-diplomat.com/001f1281_r.aspx?artid=395&utm_source=The+Diplomat+List&utm_campaign=bf7afe5931-Diplomat_Brief_2010_vol3&utm_medium=email
(via Drita «iÁo, DXLD)

** MALI. 9635, R. Mali, Kati, 1155-1315, 22 Feb'10, Vernacular, tribal songs, French at noon for a 1 hour program of modern Malian music, newscast at 1300; 35444; \\ 7285v still silent. 73, (Carlos GonÁalves, PORTUGAL, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MALI. 17630, CRI English, Feb 24 at 1420, just barely modulated compared to fair signal level, which is aimed 85 degrees from Bamako. I was wondering if instead, this was being suppressed by a co-channel open carrier, e.g. from Gabon, but no SAH, unless a very slow one, and the audio level did not go up as the signal faded, which happens when there are really two of them (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MEXICO. XEOI-RADIO MIL 6010. Reception Report returned.

Hola! En mi buzÛn he encontrado esta maÒana mi informe de recepciÛn de Radio Mil (6010 kHz). Ha sido devuelto por el correo mejicano. En el sobre han escrito "NO RENOV” APDO.". EscribÌ al "Apartado postal 21-1000, 04021 M…XICO D.F." øAlguno de los amigos de Radio Mil puede indicarnos la mejor direcciÛn a la que escribir?

This morning I have found in my mailbox my reception report to Radio Mil (6010 kHz) returned by the Mexican post. The envelope is marked with "NO RENOV” APDO." (P. O. BOX not renewed). I wrote to "Apartado postal 21-1000, 04021 M…XICO D.F."

Someone of our friends at Radio Mil may inform us about the best address to write? (Mauricio Molano, Salamanca, Spain, Feb 22, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MEXICO. 6104.8, XEQM at 0635 Feb 19, M DJ giving phone 99-91-93-91-58 --- I think I copied that correctly, 2 x 5 = 10 digits, and soon answering caller as ``Candela, buenas noches``. DXers might want to call in (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

6104.79, Candela FM, 1157 lively LA music, 1200 choral NA, 1202 M in Spanish for about 30 sec., then canned canned announcement, and into Opera-like music. Splatter by 6110 Cuba. (20 Feb) (Dave Valko, Dunlo PA, HCDX via DXLD)

6104.76v, 20/2 0100-0222, Candela FM, Mexico, serious talks in Spanish mentioning "Mexico", commercials, really weak but with slow fading sometimes better (I used narrow filters in SSB with SDR-IQ), at 0205 nice songs, other commercials (Giampiero Bernardini, Milano, Italia, RX: SDR-IQ AOR AR7030 - Ant. T2FD, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

6105, 21/Feb 0731, UNID, in Spanish. Pop mx, OM Talk. Speaks very fast, you can not understand, also with the weak signal. It would be

the XEQM - Candela FM XEMH? I recorded on my blog, I would like the help of colleagues in the ID. The 2043 [sic] UT the signal is overlapped with the transmission of TWR (Jorge Freitas, Feira de Santana, Bahia, Brasil, Degen 1103, Dipole antenna, 19 meters - east/west - Balun 4:1, Skype: jorge.freitas.fsa, Escutas (listening): http://www.ipernity.com/doc/75006
dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1501, DXLD)

I could not hear an ID or a definite UT-6 timecheck, but that`s the kind of programming I hear on XEQM after 0700. Usually there is a male DJ, but sometimes the female. It is really on about 6104.8, and the heterodyne TWR put on it at the end, 0743 UT you mean, not 2043, is more useful in identifying this indirectly as the off-frequency XEQM.

Since you are getting this, may we safely assume that none of the South Americans are active on 6105v, or just not on the air at this time? (Glenn Hauser, ibid.)

Glenn. Thank you, for responding so promptly. It would be a great listening, if it were XEQM. 73 (Jorge Freitas, Feira de Santana Bahia Brasil, ibid.)

ìîHola, Amigo!!! El audio est· muy mal, pero el tipo de m˙sica es m˙sica grupera, y parece que sÌ es XEQM, aunque no se oye ninguna identificaciÛn, logrÈ oir "...son las ?... de la maÒana..."

Radio XEQM est· activa, la escucho muy dÈbil en mi QTH, pero sÌ est· activa. Ojal· pudieras oirla nuevamente, y podemos verificar si es Radio XEQM.

http://entre-ondas.blogspot.com/2008/12/qsl-desde-xemq-6105-khz-mrida-yucatn.html
ìî (Magdiel Cruz RodrÌguez) (via Jorge Freitas, DXLD)

Mrs. Ariadne Gallardo and Bernardo Laris RodrÌguez.

He oÌdo en 6105 kHz la 0731 UT el 21/02/2010, que puede ser el XEQM. La seÒal era dÈbil y la 0743 UT sufre la interferencia de radio TWR. Os pido que me ayude si es la XEQM Radio. Escuchar la grabaciÛn de la seÒal de http://www.ipernity.com/doc/75006/7394928/

El seÒal de XEQM se oye en los EE.UU. e incluso en Europa, pero no se ha escuchado aquÌ en Brasil. Por lo tanto, serÌa un gran escuchar una emisora que es alabado por la calidad de la programaciÛn, incluyendo el famoso radioescucha Glenn Hauser los EE.UU..

Yo vivo en la ciudad de Feira de Santana en el estado de BahÌa en Brasil. Mi radio es un modelo Degen 1103. Antena dipolo de 19 metros. Saludos y Gracias (Jorge`s report sent to XEQM Feb 22, via DXLD)

De: Ariadne Gallardo de DÌaz ariengalfi @ gmail.com
Assunto: Re: XEQM, 6105 kHz, 21/02/2010, as 0731 UTC.

En efecto Sr. Freitas es la frecuencia que usted dice lo que sucede es que terminan transmisiones a las 19:00 hora de MÈxico Central -6:00 con relaciÛn al meridiano de Greenwich y entonces se enlaza la frecuencia de Candela FM XHMH 95.3 FM, la primera es de amplitud modulada, es actualmente Yool'Iik que se traduce en maya algo asÌ como La voz del viento.

Le mando un adjunto con los datos de la seÒal de onda corta y sÌ lo desea le enviarÈ una tarjeta QSL a su correo postal.

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(Reply Feb 23 from XEQM to Jorge Freitas, via DXLD)

Attached full color E-QSL, nice design including pyramid, and station data except frequency. Says 250 watts, dipole antenna at azimuth 240 degrees. I thought dipoles were bi-direxional; 240 is bad for both of us, aimed SW out into the Pacific. If it is really bi-direxional, + 60 degrees, that would explain the relatively good signals in Florida and also making it to Europe. Accompanying document has more details (Glenn Hauser, WORLD OF RADIO 1501, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Viz.:

Datos de la frecuencia de onda corta:
Frecuencia (Khz.): 6105 Khz.
Hora que la transmisiÛn comienza (UTC): 24 Horas
Hora que la transmisiÛn termina (UTC): 24 Horas
Blanco(s): Area geogr·fica o zonas UIT/CIRAF: Sobre MÈxico, el caribe y norte de SudamÈrica.

UbicaciÛn del transmisor: MÈrida Yucat·n: tablaje Rustico 12590 PerifÈrico Oriente entre carretera a Motul y Cotolengo.
Coordenadas geogr·ficas, N 21 00 54.3 ElevaciÛn: 14.0 m
W 89 33 41.7 precisiÛn: 8.2 m

Potencia (kilowatios): 250 Watts
Tipo de antena: DIPOLO
Azimut de la antena: 240∫

DÌas de transmisiÛn: Todos los DÌas. Idioma(s) de transmisiÛn: YoÛl Iik transmite en lengua Maya de 5 de la maÒana a 7 PM de la tarde y de 7 PM a las 5 de la maÒana transmite la estaciÛn en repeticiÛn de Candela MÈrida 95.3 Mhz. [UT -6 now; UT -5 from first Sunday in April]

En caso de requerir m·s informaciÛn estamos a sus Ûrdenes.
Cordialmente, Encargado del ·rea tÈcnica: Ing. Orlando Balam Gonz·lez
Tel/fax: 999 923 61 55/928 06 80 (via Freitas, DXLD)

** MEXICO [and non]. 6185, R. EducaciÛn, Classical music from 1157, 1159 full canned ID by M in Spanish with call, address, and ending with mention of what sounded like 55 years on the air. Back to classical music. Good but splatter from 6180 Cuba. Seems like RHC has it in for the Mexicans. (20 Feb) (Dave Valko, Dunlo PA, HCDX via DXLD)

Eager to hear Radio EducaciÛn`s eclectic music mix on 6185 unimpeded by QRaMazon, now that DST is over in BrasÌlia, even tho it was irrelevant in target zone, I check the frequency at 0643 UT Monday Feb 22 --- no ZYE365, an encouraging sign as now it should not be starting before 0730 --- but no XEPPM either, signal missing, we hope solely flukely.

6185, XEPPM back on and in the clear! Feb 23 at 0648 piano with blues, YL [or rather OL] singer in English, and live DJ attempts to pronounce titles in English; 0703 promo something at 1530 here on 1060 AM, 1:03 timecheck, more blues, still going at 0708. Spoiler Brasil is now assumed to cut on sometime between 0730 and 0800 UT, wedded as they are to the shifting local clock, and this should continue until the next DST in November, except UT Sundays; see BRAZIL (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MONACO [non]. 7220, Feb 23 at 0641 TWR IS; 0645 open Polish. This is from the ``Monaco site``, i.e. Fontbonne, FRANCE across the border, followed by Czech until 0715, 100 kW, 65 degrees (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MONGOLIA [and non]. MONGOLIA/KOREA D.P.R. 9665, Voice of Mongolia Ulaanbaatar and KCBS Pyongyang-KRE in 1400-1600 UT range. Came across MNG in English at 1530 UT with fair signal until close-down at 1600:23 UT on Feb 16th. Charming sound of young lady announcer in best Cambridge English accent. Little disturbed by tiny hiss of Korean domestic service KCBS Pyongyang on adjacent odd 9665.44 kHz (Wolfgang B¸schel, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Feb 16, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1501, DXLD)

** MONGOLIA. Slight changes in times of Mongolian Radio programs: 1st program: 2200-1500 and 2nd prgr: 2300-0500, 0655-1500. 4895 kHz carries now 2nd program (WRTH Domestic update Feb 19 via DXLD)

** MOROCCO. Missing the day before, RTM is back on 15341, Feb 20 at 1420 with music, lite het presumably from HCJB Australia 15340.

15345, RTM, Feb 23 at 1507 cutting off and on, then stayed on but only

with constant whine; 1510 added modulation of Arabic talk. They seem unable or unwilling to turn off the whine, which I am sure Arabic speaking listeners would appreciate even more than I would (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

15345, RTV Marocaine (Nador), 1810-1820, 2/24/2010, Arabic. Talk by man over pop music. Conversation between man and woman at 1813, the woman apparently the interviewer. Good signal with only minor fading. A major het, probably from Argentina, was noted, but no audio could be recovered (Jim Evans, Germantown, TN, RX-340, IC-R75, Random Wire (90'), ALA100M Loop (20'), DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MYANMAR. 5915, 20/2 0046, Myanma Radio, Burma, slow music, low modulation, weak signal (Giampiero Bernardini, Milano, Italia, RX: SDR-IQ AOR AR7030 - Ant. T2FD, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

7185.783, on Feb 18, at +1425-1525+ UT, R. Myanmar, Yangoon, poor/fair, a lot of Burmese pop music interchanging with spoken fragments in local dialect (YL). Fortunately no broadcasters, no hams in this part of the band. Just occasionally wandering ham carriers. NB. At the same time there was no sign of BRM on 4725.5985 kHz (Vlad Titarev, Ukraine, Perseus + K9AY ant, DXplorer Feb 18 via BC-DX 20 Feb via DXLD)

On the 13th of February Yangon decided to use 7185.75 instead of 7200 kHz and has been observed with the following schedule since: 0030-0230, 1120-1530 UT.

At 0745 UT observed both 9730.85 and 7185.75 kHz carrying two different programmes, also same time 5770 and 5915 kHz. 5985 kHz was silent, which s-on at 0930 UT and its audio was heard under 9730.85 kHz! Anyway, this proves that Myanmar has at least four SW transmitters and a 5th at the Defense Forces [in northeastern Burma, wb.] (Victor Goonetilleke, Sri Lanka, 4S7VK, UADX / IntruderAlert Feb 16/17 via BC-DX 20 Feb via DXLD)

7185.8, 19/2 0030, Myanma Radio, Burma, start boradcast, talks, later music, fair (Giampiero Bernardini, Milano, Italia, RX: SDR-IQ AOR AR7030 - Ant. T2FD, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

7185.71, Unid, Radio Myanmar [?] last three mornings 1300 to 1315 (Robert Wilkner, Pompano Beach, Florida, 19 Feb, Drake R8, Icom 746proDL, 60 meter band dipole, 41 meterband dipole, HCDX via DXLD)

7185.77, R. Myanmar?? 1150-1203, sufficiently strong signal, but like 7145 [Laos], extremely low modulation level. Really impossible to get any decent details. (20 Feb) (Dave Valko, Dunlo PA, HCDX via DXLD)

None of the frequencies ever make it here with audible modulation, but Feb 22 at 1406 I was able to detect the carrier on 7186 (definitely not 7185), vs QRhaM. Seemed the signal level should have been enough to bring some sound; is it undermodulated? Ron Howard in California found Myanmar had reactivated this out-of-band channel, heard just about every morning since Feb 13, until 1530*, ex-5915, and varying slightly 7185.70-7185.77 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Burma (Myanmar) is very audible on 7185.9 in presumably Burmese with what appeared to be a newscast at 1140 with male and female. Certainly easier than Laos on 7146 (Robin VK7RH Harwood, Norwood, Tasmania, 0510 UT Feb 24, using an Icom R70 to 21 feet of wire drooped along curtain rail, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NEW ZEALAND. RADIO NEW ZEALAND CUT BACKS WANTED BY GOVENMENT

Maybe consequences for RNZI in the future, given the content of the following article. Though the article focuses on the domestic front. http://www.nzherald.co.nz/nz/news/article.cfm?c_id=1&objectid=10626929 (Ian Baxter, Australia, Feb 20, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Further to recent posts and news about the financial issues facing Radio New Zealand, I doubt if anyone will be switching any transmitters off here within the near future.

In fact, RNZ receives NZ$34m in government funds + earns another NZ$4m each year and employs nearly 300 people to produce just 24 hours a day of programs on RNZ National and another 24 hours a day on RNZ Concert.

RNZ refuses to participate in radio industry ratings, claiming it's above such raw numbers, adding that it's quality not quantity that's critical. So no-one really knows how many people listen to them. RNZ Concert serves a very elite audience with the highest powered FM transmitters they have whilst other listeners suffer poor FM service or none at all.

RNZ senior management and board members tried the old fashioned approach when asked to come up with ways to do more with the same budget. Do you want RNZ National switched off at midnight? Can we move RNZ National back onto AM and switch off the FM transmitters? Can we stop our tiny advertising? Close our regional offices in marginal electorates? What button can we push? Where will it hurt you politically?

All silly petulant arguments designed to get 'mother of 3' and 'retired teacher' to furiously demand to their local member of parliament that civilization is about to disappear.

Unfortunately, this is 2010 and such pork barrel arguments hold no sway with a government still enjoying well over 50% public support after 18 months in power and a severe recession.

All they do is convince the government that RNZ has totally lost the plot. RNZ staff levels are reportedly up over 10% whilst hours produced remain much the same, their Sound Archives has closed its doors to 'save money', and still they slowly drift along in a public service state of mind, blissfully ignorant of recessions, new technology and how to achieve more with less.

In my view, chances are high that the existing board and some senior management will be invited to fall on their swords whilst new people with a positive mindset will appear and find ways to creatively expand services, not reduce them.

RNZI is completely unaffected by the turmoil, as it's separately funded by the Ministry for Culture & Heritage and its staff achieve small miracles with their resources and continue to expand their services. They get 'out & about' and are in direct daily touch with their audience, responsive to them, and display innovation and enterprise (David Ricquish, Wellington, New Zealand, Feb 19, HCDX via DXLD)

There are a couple of Facebook groups created to support RNZ.

"I heart Radio New Zealand" has been around for a while.
"Save Radio New Zealand" was created on Feb 17, and already had 9,072 fans by 0630 UT Feb 21 (Fred Waterer, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NEW ZEALAND. 11725, as I tuned past around 0711 Feb 21, nothing there, but a minute later RNZI inbooming with old recording on Sounds Historical show, then cut off the air again. I quickly retuned to 9765, but not there either, whilst DRM noise was grinding away on 9865-9870-9875. According to current schedule,
http://www.rnzi.com/pages/listen.php
11725 is supposed to QSY to 9765 at 0658-0659, and stay there (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NEW ZEALAND [and non]. New RNZI Documentary - Contemporary Island Radio Pacific Style

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RNZI Airs New Radio Heritage Documentary
Contemporary Island Radio Pacific Style
Honiara and Vila

Join us from Monday February 22 2010 when we air our new radio heritage documentary about contemporary island style radio on the current Radio New Zealand International [RNZI] Mailbox program.

Co-inciding with tests from the new shortwave transmitters of Radio Vanuatu this week, the program explores today`s radio dials in both Vila and Honiara and introduces listeners to a number of Pacific FM stations they may never have before heard.

You can listen directly via shortwave or audio on demand [for the following month] with full details of broadcast frequencies and times in your area and audio download at http://www.rnzi.com

The program traces radio heritage in Vila back to a 1930's station operated by a French plantation owner and which relayed French Colonial radio from Paris as well as local commodity prices and announcements.

In the 1960's Radio Port Vila was testing on shortwave with 1kw, very similar to this weeks tests using 1.5kW so there's progress for you.

Audio in the program comes from VTBC or Radio Vanuatu, as well as the most popular station in the nation, Capital FM 107 from Vila.

US Armed Forces broadcasters WVUQ Radio City, Guadalcanal and WVTJ Munda on New Georgia followed a late 1920's church mission broadcaster also from Munda.

In the 1950's, SIBC was operating on shortwave as VQO3 with 5 kW and the new transmitters planned for Honiara this year will have 10 kW, so again, some progress is being made.

The audio in our new documentary comes from SIBC recorded in Honiara, and also from local commercial station Paoa FM, again the most popular station in the nation.

These are fragile broadcasting markets, with only a handful of local stations competing on FM with Radio Australia and China Radio International relays and several religious stations.

Join David Ricquish of the Radio Heritage Foundation for this audio and heritage tour deep into the South Pacific, and taking in contemporary Island Radio Pacific Style from the Solomon Islands and Vanuatu.

You'll also enjoy related articles and images about AFRS Radio in the Solomon Islands and other Island Radio Pacific Style content at the global website of the Radio Heritage Foundation.

Use our free Pacific Asian Log Radio Guides for AM, FM and SW broadcasters from around the entire region, easy to search and easy to use.

RNZI's Mailbox program from Monday February 22 2010 via shortwave and audio on demand with full times and schedules at http://www.rnzi.com

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Radio Heritage Foundation is a registered non-profit connecting popular culture, nostalgia and radio heritage across the Pacific. Introductory Annual Supporters welcome from just US$10 with instant discounts, savings and gifts so sign up today at http://www.radioheritage.net and support the team.

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(David Ricquish, RHF, Feb 23, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NIGER. Coup --- The state radio in Niger is reported by RFI to be on the air, but broadcasting military music, following the reported removal of the president earlier today. I checked with my colleagues in our Africa Department, and it's the usual case of a president trying to change the constitution ahead of scheduled elections so he can stay in office. Obviously some people had other ideas....
(Andy Sennitt, Netherlands, Feb 18, DX LISTENING DIGEST) 9705

** NIGERIA. Re 10-07: Is this the new Abuja transmitter site? If not, when is it going into full service? One should ask the German ham who has been working there and hooking up his rig to the huge antennas.
(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Time horizon was on March 2010 for further training of the Nigerian staff at Abuja. 73 (Wolfgang B¸schel, Feb 19, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NORTH AMERICA. [Pirate]. 6924.7 AM, MAC, 1632-1655, Feb 20, ìUltraman Showî with young boy announcer. IDs. Email address. Music by Beatles, Stepenwolf and others. Fair to good signal (Brian Alexander, PA, DX Listening Digest)

** NORTH AMERICA. [Pirate]. 6925.55 AM, WMR, 2210-2220, Feb 20, IDs as ìWe Monkey Radio, WMRî. Music by Kim Carnes, Harry Chapin and others. ìMy Sharonaî song. Monkey related music. Good (Brian Alexander, PA, DX Listening Digest)

** NORTH AMERICA. [Pirate]. 6955.26 AM, WMPR, 2235-2245, Feb 20, rock music. Electronic dance music. Computer voice IDs. Good (Brian Alexander, PA, DX Listening Digest)

** NORTH AMERICA. TCS Sunday: Church of the Pirate Radio Mind

Greetings, pirate radio scalawags and ruffians! The Crystal Ship is going on the air this evening on 5385.x kHz AM, commencing about 2300 UT. Transmitter is Johnson Viking II.

This is the Church of the Pirate Radio Mind. Please remove your hats and open your wallets! Services will open with an extended set by our brothers, The Ramones.... opening with our usual closing hymn, "We Want The Airwaves!" (Note: it`s "airwaves", NOT "air-ways"-- what are we, pilots?) Cheers! -- (John Poet, The Crystal Ship, 2256 UT Feb 21, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

You get real short notice if on his mailing list. Unfortunately, I did not see this until it was too late, and meanwhile was hearing pirates on the upper band, and did not think to check 5385 (gh, DXLD) Viz.:

** NORTH AMERICA. Plenty of piracy as I was casually tuning the prime band Saturday evening Feb 20:

6930-USB at 2330, immediately heard ID on the semihour as ``WBZO``. Good signal with rock music, still at 2346 recheck. 2350 with a speech of some sort; 2353 WBZO IDs again, Mr. Bozo. I see that a pirate with variations of this name has been reported for at least five years in Free Radio Weekly, most recently in January, but as CBZO/KBZO rather than WBZO.

6950-USB at 2333, another pirate here with rock music; local fifth harmonic of KCRC-1390 not a problem at the moment, which is easily recognizable with incessant sports-talk.

6951-AM, at 2346 next check some music here instead of 6950-USB, and then intermittent SSB QRM.

6925 USB, next tuneby at 0044 Feb 21 found only one pirate at the moment instead of 6930, 6950/6951, don`t know which (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NORTH AMERICA. [Pirate]. 6925.07 AM, Pirate Radio Boston, 1534-1550, Feb 21, alternative rock music. IDs. Gave email address and postal address in Stoneham, MA. Fair (Brian Alexander, PA, DX Listening Digest)

** NORTH AMERICA. [Pirate]. 6924.4 AM, Radio Ronin, 2255-2315, Feb 21, music by Eurythmics, Madonna and others. ID. Emaill address. Fair (Brian Alexander, PA, DX Listening Digest)

** NORTH AMERICA. [Pirate]. 5385.4 AM, The Crystal Ship, 0040-0055, Feb 22, alternative rock music. ID. Email address. Said they were running 100 watts. Poor to fair. (Brian Alexander, PA, DX Listening

Digest)

** OKLAHOMA. 1120, KEOR Sperry was absent at 2153 UT check Feb 18 on the caradio. It`s been quite reliable from some weeks, simulcasting KJMU 1340. Next check at 1538 Feb 19 found it on the air with talk, and a strange thumping noise every few seconds, perhaps some kind of feedback. This went on the rest of the morning, at least (Glenn Hauser, Enid, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** OMAN. 15140, fair fluttery signal with Qur`an, peaking to S9+8 at 1523 Feb 22, no doubt RSOO; would English have been as good during previous hour? Usually not (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PAKISTAN. PBC Current Affairs Channel has been renamed as National Broadcasting Service. It is carried on mediumwave and planned to start on shortwave on 7205 or 7215 kHz (WRTH Domestic update Feb 19 via WORLD OF RADIO 1501, DXLD)

** PERU. 5014.4, RADIO ALTURA. Cerro de Pasco. 1110-1203 febrero 21. ReactivaciÛn. M˙sica folclÛrica y programa biling¸e quechua-espaÒol, ID: "...desde la ciudad m·s alta del mundo, Cerro de Pasco, capital minera del Per˙, Cuna del ilustre hidalgo Daniel Alcides CarriÛn, transmite Radio Altura, triple frecuencia.. ."! No la escuchaba desde Agosto del 2008 (Rafael Rodriguez R., Bogot· D.C. COLOMBIA, SONY ICF 2010, Hilo de 15 metros, playdx yg via WORLD OF RADIO 1501, DXLD)

Googling agrees its elevation is 4380 m, but can`t agree on conversion of that to feet, which is correctly x 3.281 = 14371, rounded off, not 13973. Yes, that`s pretty high, but surely there are higher cities e.g. in Tibet (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1501, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

5014.33, Radio Altura, Cerro de Pasco the strongest Latin on 60 metres tonight (due Radio Rebelde Cuba 5025 on open carrier). Noted with full identification in Spanish 0509 25 Feb. Rarely heard at this time, so maybe special event? (Bryan Clark, Mangawhai, New Zealand, AOR7030+ and EWEs to NE, E & SE, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PERU. 5485.571, Radio Reina de la Selva, Chachapoyas, 2320 to 2335 fair to good signal, music 22 Feb (Robert Wilkner, Pompano Beach, Florida, Drake R8, Icom 746proDL, 60 meter band dipole, 41 meter band dipole, HCDX via DXLD)

NEW SHORTWAVE STATION IN PERU, 5485.6

The below raises question whether recent logs on 5485.6v really got a definite ID for the previously listed Radio Reyna de la Selva. And even so, if there is some relation between that and the new one.

Peruvian SW stations have been known to sell their transmitters to other stations, elsewhere in the country, complete with crystal for the same frequency.

WRTH 2010 shows Reyna on 5487 in Chachapoyas, Amazonas; on 1320 there is a Radio 1320 en Olmos, Lambayeque, OBU1S, so that has a license (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Rafael RodrÌguez en su blog "DX desde Colombia" reporta sobre la nueva emisora peruana...

5485.6, RADIO FRECUENCIA POPULAR. Olmos, Per˙. 2306-0202* febrero 20-2010. Nueva emisora. M˙sica folclÛrica peruana. "...Para todo el norte peruano somos Frecuencia Popular..." Anuncios de ElectrÛnica Echeverry. Mencionan onda media en 1320 kHz.

Al dar la hora: "...7 de la noche con 07 minutos, 7 de la noche con 07 minutos, la hora que te informa Radio Frecuencia Popular que transmite desde sate [?] distrito de Olmos...." Cierre a las 0200*.

Chequeando la informacion de los colegas Robert Wilkner y Dave Valko a traves del DXLD 10-07 (febrero 18, 2010); sobre la reactivacion de la emisora Radio Reina de la Selva; ayer me encontrÈ con un fuerte seÒal luego de las 2300 con m˙sica tropical y folclÛrica del Per˙; mi sopresa al identificarse como: "Radio Frecuencia Popular, el poder musical de tu radio". El locutor se identificÛ como Carlos Airio Florez, mencionando transmisiÛn "para todo el noroeste peruano".

Esta nueva emisora transmite desde el Distrito de Olmos en la provincia de Lambayeque, departamento del mismo nombre. Opera en onda media por los 1320 kHz (frecuencia registrada en el WRTH del cual dispongo y es del 2008), mencionan frecuencia de onda corta como "54-90".

Mencionaron direcciÛn en Calle Atahualpa 1073 de sus oficinas y Calle San Francisco, prolongaciÛn salida a ??? [sic], como direcciÛn de su planta transmisora. Mencionaron un No. de celular para contacto, el 94 8002968, pero no me he logrado comunicar a travÈs de este n˙mero.

En la base del Ministerio de Transporte y Comunicaciones del Per˙ aparece la frecuencia 1320 KHz en Olmos autorizada a ECHEVARRIA PUITIZA MILCIADES con el prefijo OBU-1S. Rafael RodrÌguez, Colombia

Fuente: http://bit.ly/cCoz64

ESCUCHAR
http://rafaelr.podomatic.com/enclosure/2010-02-21T10_43_17-08_00.mp3
(RRR blog via Yimber GavirÌa, DXLD)

M·s...(?) Bien, buscando me encontrÈ con estos datos.

FRECUENCIA POPULAR S.R.LTDA.

* RUC: 20131801565
* RazÛn Social: FRECUENCIA POPULAR S.R.LTDA.
* Nombre Comercial: RADIO FRECUENCIA POPULAR
* Tipo Empresa: Soc.com.respons. Ltda
* CondiciÛn: Activo
* Actividad Comercial: Actividades de Radio y Television.
* CIIU: 92136

* DirecciÛn Legal: Mza. a Lote. 17 A.h. el Recodo
* Distrito / Ciudad: Chepen
* Provincia: Chepen
* Departamento: La Libertad

La interrogante es que est·n en la ciudad de Chepen, La Libertad (ver mapa arriba) y como ven en el mapa (la distancia entre Olmos y Chepen).

RADIO DIFUSORA FRECUENCIA POPULAR EIRLTD

* RUC: 20166304971
* RazÛn Social: RADIO DIFUSORA FRECUENCIA POPULAR EIRLTD
* Nombre Comercial: RADIO FRECUENCIA POPULAR EIRLT
* Tipo Empresa: Empresa Individual de Resp. Ltda
* CondiciÛn: Activo
* Actividad Comercial: Actividades de Radio y TelevisiÛn.
* CIIU: 92136

* DirecciÛn Legal: Cal. Dinamarca Nro. 1445 P.j. la Esperanza
* Distrito / Ciudad: Alto de la Alianza
* Departamento: Tacna
* Telefonos: 427058 / 245656 / 421785

O sea que habrÌa que agregarle Tacna. Tomado de: http://goo.gl/XTcF (Via Yimber Gaviria, Colombia, UT Feb 22, WORLD OF RADIO 1501, DXLD)

I suspect that the above two Frecuencias Populares may have nothing to do with the `new` SW station, just same corporate name; what map? (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PERU. With the higher frequencies improving, it`s time to search for harmonics 18+ MHz. Feb 22 at 1516 I found one! On 18057.9, at peaks instantly recognizable as the wacky wailing preacher David Miranda, dipping to just barely audible. Such programming plus the

off-frequency means it has to be the third harmonic of R. Victoria, Lima, at the moment on 6019.3, but of course not audible on the fundamental at this hour. When it is at night, always puts annoying hets on the major broadcasters foolish enough to use 6020.

At 1528 he settles down a bit to more normal speech, making it easier to detect he is speaking portunhol, or espaÒuguÍs, the peculiar mix of Portuguese and Spanish he thinx will entrance all South Americans equally. 1531:43 cut to music, and announcer outros only program title, ``A Voz da LibertaÁ„o``, so is it supposed to be more than 50% Brazilian? Following announcement at 1533 had cadence of Spanish rather than Portuguese, presumably locally from Lima, Radio Victoria (not R·dio VitÛria). Last check at 1606, JBA carrier on 18057.9.

Meanwhile at 1524 I had strained to hear any carrier from this on other possible harmonix, 12038.6 and 24077.2, but nothing, one too low and one too high if anything is really radiating. WRTH says fundamental power is 3 kW, so only a fraxion of that on 18.

Also carefully rescanned up to 18600 for other harmonix from 6 MHz band stations, but none found. If only a few more Latin Americans would loosen up their harmonic suppression! Even so, there are probably some more weak signals waiting for a good bit of propagation to raise them above the noise level, which fortunately was quite low here today.

18057.9, R. Victoria, Lima, third harmonic of 6019.3, first heard Feb 22, again audible Feb 23: at 1420 weak YL talk in and out, 1425 a screaming OM preacher, but not David Miranda yet. 1430 preacher mixing with music, mentioning a ``gran bendiciÛn`` at some event en la plaza at ``las 4 de la madrugada.`` 1513 recheck, there`s wacky wailing two-languages-at-once David Miranda, so 1500 is apparently one of his many regular timeslots on this station.

Reception peaks today were at least as good as yesterday. This is a station I do not condescend to log on its fundamental, other than as a nuisance to other stations, as it`s there any night, but on the harmonic it`s suddenly hot DX.

18057.9, R. Victoria, 3 x 6019.3 audible for the third morning in a row, Feb 24 at 1450 with Spanish announcement, hymn by soprano, S6 to peaks S9; 1505 recheck wacky wailer David Miranda was underway (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1501, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** POLAND. 21290-USB, at 1438 Feb 20, SP1NL with curtailed contest-type contacts, gave his call repeatedly fonetically, and spelt handle; listed at qrz.com as LESZEK BRANCEWICZ, KODRAB, 72-518 LADZIN, Poland. 13m has been open for several days with broadcasters, but not much

activity until now on ``15m`` hamband, mostly below 21325 or so. See also BELGIUM (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** POLAND. CASH-STRAPPED POLISH RADIO MAY SHED UP TO 500 STAFF | Text of report in English by Polish national independent news agency PAP

Warsaw, 17 February: [Public] Polish Radio (PR) may fire from 300 to 500 people under a restructuring scheme launched to appease PR's dwindling finances, PR spokesman Radoslaw Kazimierski informed Wednesday.

Kazimierski said the sackings were necessary in light of dwindling radio [licence] fees, which to date constituted PR's main income source. He added that the main layoff wave was planned until the end of May.

According to estimates by the National Radio and Television Council, the level of collected fees reached 880m zlotys in 2007, while forecast for 2010 speak of 350m. Out of this sum, Polish Radio is expected to receive between 100 and 130m zlotys, 30 per cent less than in 2009.

As of March, a new media fee law will relieve pensioners, unemployed and welfare-takers from radio and TV fees. Source: PAP news agency, Warsaw, in English 1807 gmt 17 Feb 10 (via BBCM via WORLD OF RADIO 1501, DXLD)

PRES has already had to consolidate programming due to budget and/or staff cuts. We all know what a low priority external broadcasting has in most countries, so this could be a big threat to the shortwave service (Glenn Hauser, WORLD OF RADIO 1501, DXLD)

** PORTUGAL. Following the terrible flooding and mudslides on Madeira, made a point of listening to RDPI`s weekly ``AbraÁo da Madeira`` show, Sunday Feb 21 on 15560, at 1435. Announcer from Funchal studio was trying to make phone contact with people, not always successfully, who needed to convey messages to relatives and friends; including someone in the Czech Republic. Excellent signal here as usual on weekends to NAm (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ROMANIA. 9800 at 0133 UT Fri Feb 19, discussion in English about the EU, some distortion; 0136 it`s the Network Europe program, as in http://euronet.eu --- Confusing matters was recheck at 0156 when I found 9800 in Spanish with English accent, but 0158 mentioned rcinet.ca and 0159 RCI IS and IDs, and more Spanish from RCI.

Was RCI carrying Network Europe? Surely not, but then you would not expect RCI to be carrying domestic programming for immigrants either.

Trouble with Network Europe is that being on multiple stations lacking individual IDs within, we have no idea which station it really is, until consulting references, so soon found that

RRI is on 9800 at 0100-0200 in English, 300 kW, 310 degrees from Galbeni, and RCI is on 9800 at 0200-0300 in Spanish, 70 kW, 227 degrees from Sackville. But apparently that starts several minutes early, and we know RRI normally finishes at 3 minutes before the hour, so RCI wastes no time in taking over (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** RUSSIA. 5930.00, 0757-0915 18.02, R Rossii, via Monchegorsk. Russian talk after R Prague signed off 0757*, 0800 Russian canned ID by man, followed by another ID by woman who read the news e.g. about Ukraine, report, 0808 weather and programme preview, jingle, 0810 talk 35333 // 6160 (Anker Petersen, on the AOR AR7030PLUS with 28 metres longwire here in snowcovered Skovlunde, Denmark, via Dario Monferini, playdx yg via DXLD)

** RUSSIA. 6005.00, GTRK ìAdygeyaî, Maykop, via Tbilisskaya, 1830-1858*, Mo Feb 15, Arabic talk by man and woman (news ?), 1843 Middle East music and song, 1845 Turkish news (p) by man and woman, 32432 best heard in LSB due to severe QRM from CRI on 6010 (Anker Petersen, Skovlunde, Denmark, DSWCI DX Window Feb 17 via DXLD)

** RUSSIA. 6075, R. Rossii, Pet/Kam transmitter never gets fully fixed. Now Feb 22 at 1400 it is rumbling loudly, motorboating against itself even in the minute+ after timesignal and modulation stops. With BFO on I could barely detect some CW ending before RR 1401:13*, no doubt the usual 8GAL marker (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SAINT VINCENT & THE GRENADINES. Amigos, chequei os meus e-mails agora a pouco. Recebi um maravilhoso E-mail QSL de uma FM caribenha. Recebi da Hitz FM, FM caribenha de Saint Vincent & Grenadines, que vinha ouvindo em 103.7 e mais recentemente em 91.5 MHz. … mais uma caribenha que me confirma um informe de recepÁ„o, hehehehehe!

73! (Rubens Ferraz Pedroso (SWL1033B). Viz.:

91.5 Hitz FM - Kingstown - VCT - Recebido E-QSL com todos os dados confirmatÛrios. 2 dias. V/S: Mr. Paul MacLeish (Managing Director). Informe enviado por e-mail: svgbc @ vincysurf.com QTH: SVG Broadcasting Corporation, Dorsetshire Hill - PO Box 617, Kingstown St. Vincent & the Grenadines (Rubens Ferraz Pedroso; Bandeirantes - Paran· - Brasil, radioescutas yg via DXLD)

** SAUDI ARABIA. At the breakfast table with insensitive DX-390, as I was enjoying my semi-grapefruit primarily with my right hand, Feb 20

at 1455 I punched up 21640 with my left hand in order to note exactly when that BSKSA Riyadh transmitter would go off: 1455:40* after a dekasecond of deadair.

Then I retune to 15435 to note exactly when it would cut on: 1457:04, joining in progress Arabic talk which had been so rudely interrupted on 21640, tough for listeners who may have axually been attentive to the topic, missing a sesquiminute of it, assuming they knew where to retune, not announced.

Can`t be sure it was the same transmitter, as 21505 also closes about the same time; as does 17895 but that`s the other service, HQ moving to 15225. After breakfast I write this down in my logbook with my right hand, and then transcribe it and embellish for this log report with ten fingers touch-typing.

17660, R. Riyadh, French service of BSKSA, is usually audible here but marginally; poor with flutter Feb 21 at 1431 some kind of drama was playing funereal music led by bagpipes, then mixing French and Arabic with more dramatic music.

17560, Feb 22 at 1602, assertive speaker in Arabic, with a bit of reverb as in a public place, e.g. a mosque, but no audience reaxion heard; S9+10 but fluttery. Checked BSKSA 15435 and 15225 but not //. That`s because those are the first program and 17560 is the HQS, so I should have found a match on 15205, 13710 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) See also LIBYA [and non]

** SLOVAKIA. Hi Glenn, Greetings from Slovakia. I was checking the internet and came across some of your web pages. You may remember my name: Pete Miller - formerly of Radio Slovakia International - broadcasting from the upside down pyramid that is home to Slovak radio. It is now 18 months since I was pushed aside for reasons that I still do not understand, and that were never explained to me. Office jealousy was certainly a factor but fortunately at my age work was not the be all and everything of what I do.

My reason for writing is that I still have thousands of stamps available for people. I am happy to continue passing these on to shortwave radio listeners who contact me. The deal is this: write to me at Pete Miller, Hlavna 14, 900 66, Vysoka pri Morave, Slovakia enclosing 2 prepaid postal coupons, and perhaps some stamps that you no longer require and I will send stamps to you.

I sent this message to Monitoring Times but heard nothing from them. I am happy for you to publish this information in the US. Best wishes (Pete Miller, Feb 22, WORLD OF RADIO 1501, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hi Pete, Good to hear from you. Wonder if you are still doing some radio work elsewhere? Glad to publish your stamp exchange offer. I have just put it on the DXLD yahoogroup and it will be in the next DXLD issue later this week (Glenn to Pete, via DXLD)

Hi Glen[n], Thanks for responding. I am now a pensioner and I am allowing the state to keep me!! After all I paid enough to them. I am of course still living in Slovakia although I visit the UK frequently to visit family. Best wishes (Pete Miller, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SLOVAKIA. 9485, Radio Slovakia Internationall, Rimskava Sobota, at 1834 on 2/15. Two W in (l) Hindi. Steady ëwhoop, whoopî QRM (Gerry Dexter, Lake Geneva, WI, NRD 545, TenTec 340, Parker Balanced Doublet, Mark (MK-1) antennas, NASWA Flashsheet via DXLD)

I guess (l) means listed. Where did you get Hindi, not an RSI language? It`s Russian (gh, DXLD)

** SOLOMON ISLANDS. SIBC on 5019.96 kHz received from 0800 UT on Feb. 19 by many Japanese DXer. Condition is good (S. Hasegawa, NDXC, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1501, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

5019.977, SIBC, 2012, English, noted with program about corruption in the Pacific (i.e. PNG); would have been a BBC or Radio Australia produced program; noted them several hours earlier (0700+) with open carrier. Feb 19 (David Sharp, NSW Australia, FT-950, NRD-535D etc., Feb 20, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

I have only carriers, no audio. This on 5019.958 kHz (Mauno Ritola, Finland, 1010 UT Feb 20, ibid.)

Plural and present tense, but I assume you don`t really mean at the time reported, local noon, even in Finland in Feb? (gh, DXLD)

SIBC 5020v transmitter must be reactivated; at least there is a detectable carrier now at 1355 Feb 22, weaker than Malaysia 5030 on the other side of Cuba.

Yes, S. Hasegawa, NDXC reported to DXLD: ``SIBC on 5019.96 received from 0800 UT on Feb. 19 by many Japanese DXer. Condition is good.``

But before it failed, they dropped the overnight BBCWS relay due to expense, so is that back on after 1200, or do they just leave the carrier on, eating up the same amount of electricity? (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1501, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Special QSL from SOLOMON ISLAND

Ciao, in allegato trovate la QSL ricevuta nei giorni scorsi delle ISOLE SOLOMON, SIBC a conferma dell'ascolto effettuato. Penso che sia veramente speciale! Ciao e Buoni DX (Mauro Giroletti, Italy, -Swl 1510-, -IK2GFT-, Feb 20, bclnews.it yg via DXLD) Attached PDF of the envelope and handwritten letter which I transcribe (gh)

Dear Mauro, Thank you for your reception report dated 31/12/09. Only the die hard listeners would spend New Years Eve trying to listen to DX!!

Much appreciate all the cute stickers you have sent us. I wish there were something I could post to you as a token of appreciation but unfortunately the Solomon islands is a very poor country and we here at the station can not afford to get QSL cards made in mass (we have temporarily run out).

Please accept this letter as verification that you have heard SIBC on 5019.96 kHz (5020 kHz) on the 31st of December, 2009 at 15:04 UTC.

Thank you! [illegible initials] SIBC Technical Volunteer 29/01/2010

Sent in an air mail letter with a single stamp marked $3.00 with the EIIR crown, ``value added products``, a fellow pouring a bucket into a ``coconut oil expeller``.

Generosity with return postage would seem to be prudent (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) See also NEW ZEALAND

5019.95, SIBC 1012, YL news, music good signal until 1145 when local Radio Rebelde increased power, 23 Feb (Robert Wilkner, Pompano Beach, Florida, Drake R8, Icom 746proDL, 60 meter band dipole, 41 meter band dipole, HCDX via DXLD)

** SOMALIA [non]. Radio Bar-Kulan / Meeting Place, from March 1, 2010? 0500-0600 unid. ASC 250 kW 065 deg to CEAf Somali, 25/22/19 mb?

[# ?11785 kHz ? Mauno Ritola-FIN, DXplorer Feb 19; non Fri/Sats? wb.] 1600-1700 17700 ASC 250 kW 065 deg to CEAf Somali, A-10 same

Unid on 17700 kHz. Thanks, Mauno, for pointing out my unID on 17700 kHz at 1600-1659:30 was Sudan Radio Service on a new freq [from Ascension Isl]. That accounts for the many mentions of Sudan and Darfur. This was barely audible today, and I could hear nothing on \\ 11785 kHz. With SRS and Radio Bar-Kulan aimed at the same general area after March 1, I hope one will change frequency (Wendel Craighead-KS-USA, DXplorer Feb 19 via BC-DX 20 Feb via DXLD)

?? Am still hearing SRS on 17745 from 1500 via PORTUGAL; do they

change at 1600? (gh, DXLD) No: see SUDAN [non]

UPDATE - Bar-Kulan Radio - New targeted broadcast for SOMALIA

The station now tells me that their SW schedule from 1 March will be:
0500-0600 GMT on 15750 kHz (UAE);
1600-1700 GMT 9960/9930 kHz (Meyerton).

This conflicts with the widely posted details that the transmissions will be from Ascension, and with 17700 given as the frequency for the one at 1600-1700 (Chris Greenway, UK, Feb 25, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

That was presumably just a guess, another new transmission which happened to be at the same time. I hope I remember to mention this in WOR 1502, since it was too late for WORLD OF RADIO 1501 (gh, DXLD)

** SOUTH AFRICA. 3320, Feb 19 at 0211, fair signal with music; better at 0250 and clear, a blessed relief from the distortion on 3290, but did not stay with it long, as I knew it must be Radio Sonder Grense.

3255 weaker than 3320, at 0258 in English, 0302 BBCWS news.

Both 100 kW from Meyerton, BBC 3255 03-06 and 16-22, nondirexional? And 3320 at 18-05, 275 degrees (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SPAIN. Quick check of 15385, Monday Feb 22 at 1425 reconfirmed REE EmisiÛn Sefarad is still here and still announcing imaginary 15325. Good signal aside Cuban jamming spurclix around 15382.

What frequency is REE`s Sephardic service to South America really on? On the easily-heard first broadcast to the ME at 1425-1455 on 15380, it`s announced as repeating on 11780, UT Tuesdays 0115-0145, so this week I set an alarm for 0110 Feb 23 and remembered to check for it there and on 11795 as some schedules have it.

This week, REE was quite strong on 11680 even tho it`s 230 degrees from Noblejas for South America, so we know propagation is favorable. 11780 as usual with even bigger signal from 250 kW RNA BrasÌlia, and could hear nothing under it, not a trace of REE IS which should have been running until 0115.

Using 11780 would be a total loss for REE, so are they really on 11795? There is only a very weak carrier detectable there, probably R Liberty Tajik via Tinang or Thailand, surely not REE as the Sephardic azimuth is supposed to be 248, which would put an even better signal into CNAm than 11680.

Just in case, also looked for it on 9690, which is used on the NAm broadcast two sesquihours later, but not there either at 0115. Also looked all over the 25 mb for it. So the question remains unanswered, but seems it must really be a totally different frequency and/or time if on the air at all. I wish listeners in S America would check this out (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Just after 2000 UT today, I heard REE's French service on 17595 with a strong signal. This frequency is only listed as being the weekend Portuguese service at 1800-1830. It would be nice to hear the earlier transmission instead of having to wait for 2300 on 6055 (Mike Cooper, Feb 24, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

17595 is available 12-22, mostly in Spanish, all morning here (gh)

No sign of REE in French on 17595 at 2000 as heard one day earlier (Mike Cooper, Feb 25, DXLD) See also CHINA [non]; COSTA RICA

** SRI LANKA [non]. IBC Tamil beamed to S. Asia is not heard for many days now at 0000-0100 on 6045. For many days prior to that they were noted playing only Tamil songs with out even ID or announcements. Some weeks back they went off air for some days and shortly returned on air (Jose Jacob, VU2JOS, National Institute of Amateur Radio, Hyderabad, India, Feb 19, dx_india yg via DXLD) Was via Wertachtal, GERMANY, 125 kW, 105 degrees (gh)

** SUDAN [non]. 5915, Feb 19 at 0313 a bit of English, quickly into Arabic voice-over, good signal, and perhaps our best chance to hear the Affia Darfur/Hello Darfur service of IBB, which at 0300-0330 is via VATICAN, of all places, 250 kW at 146 degrees.

5915 remains an interesting frequency, with CVC Zambia using it in English at 0400-0500 only, and Zambia NBC from 0515, if its transmitter gets repaired (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SUDAN [non]. via Slovakia, 7385, Miraya FM, *0300-0600*, Feb 19, New additional time. Sign on with pop music. IDs. ìGood Morning Sudanî program with a mix of Arabic & English talk throughout broadcast. Local Afro-pop music. Promo for protection against HIV-AIDS. Many ìMiraya FMî and ì101 Miraya FMî IDs. Time pips at 0600 and off. Poor, weak in noisy conditions at sign on but improved to a fair signal quality by 0310 (Brian Alexander, PA, DX Listening Digest)

via Slovakia, 15670, Miraya FM, *1400-1540+, Feb 19, sign on with local Afro-pop music. Arabic talk. IDs. English news at 1502. Local pop music at 1512. Back to English at 1520 with talk about upcoming local Sudanese elections. Promos for HIV-AIDS protection. Canned IDs. Fair to good signal (Brian Alexander, PA, DX Listening Digest)

** SUDAN [non]. 17745, Sudan Radio Service via Portugal, Feb 21 at 1502 in English with usual pro-democracy and pro-elexion propaganda, re upcoming general elexions in the north and south, later refined to ``in the free areas``. Included music and SFX. Much of the talk had annoying echo on it just like long/short path, but seems really to be inserted into the audio produxion to make it cooler, and less intelligible. This frequency continued past 1600, while:

17700, new Sudan Radio Service frequency, Feb 21 at 1559 with VTC music fill/prÈlude, 1600 opening SRS in Arabic but pronouncing station name in English. Another English ID in passing amid Arabic at 1607. Not // 17745. It is totally unclear why they would add another non // frequency at the same time to compete with themselves, but this is registered as 250 kW, 65 degrees via Ascension, 1600-1700 daily except Saturdays, causing DX Mix News Bulgaria to assume it would be carrying the new service for Somalia from March 1, Radio Bar-Kulan/Meeting Place. Maybe that will come true, with SRS just a place-holder till then?

17700, new via ASCENSION, Feb 22 at 1600, Sudan Radio Service opening in Arabic, with e-mail srs @ edc.org pronounced in English as well as the station name; and still not // the other SRS via PORTUGAL 17745 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) See also SOMALIA [non]

** SWAZILAND [and non]. 9635, Feb 22 at 1452 ``This is Trans World Radio ñ Swaziland`` IDs alternating with chime IS which really cuts thru the QRM, fairly good signal. But at 1504, Radio Canada Internal`s news in English was ending, making a fast SAH quite similar rate to the CBCNQ one on 9625 with Channel Africa.

Per Aoki, RCI 9635 from 1500 is via Xianyang, China, usually known simply as Xian, 500 kW at 252 degrees, while TWR is in Malagasy at 1440-1525 except French on Sundays, 100 kW, 64 degrees from Manzini, which means the two are aiming approximately at each other. This does not explain why TWR was running IS and ID in the middle of it at 1452 --- unless they just do that between programmes in a single language.

I wanted to see if there were more variations listed in the WRTH 2010. There is NO entry for SWAZILAND in the international sexion! Go to the domestic sexion and it refers you to the international sexion. But under what country? How about USA --- yes, there is a brief entry but no schedules, mentioning that TWR owns transmitters in Benin, Guam, Netherlands Antilles, Swaziland. Yes, but where are the schedules?!

Finally I find the TWR Swaziland schedules under SOUTH AFRICA, of course! Mixed in with Meyerton transmissions, and they are on the facing page to the missing Swaziland position. But these do nothing

other than agree on the French/Malagasy 1440-1525 on 9635 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) See also USA: WWCR 4775

** SWEDEN. I received a Radio Sweden no-QSL today. They went to all the trouble to send me a letter from Sweden to inform me they no longer QSL (Jim Renfrew, Holley NY, 19 Feb, NRC-AM via DXLD)

I had numerous reports out, mostly shortwave, when we moved in July of 2000; never heard back from any of them. Of course, it was right around that time that the bottom REALLY started falling out of the QSL "market," and whatever follow-ups I pursued also went nowhere. I have sent out VERY few reception reports since then -- maybe a DX test or two, but that's it.

Domestic and international stations alike (like R. Sweden!) seem to consider reception verification to be a relic from another age and are seldom interested in playing along any more. My hats off to guys like Jim and Pat Martin and others who doggedly pursue the QSL "dream." For many of us, it's just become too much trouble (also, I don't take rejection well!!). (Randy Stewart, Springfield MO, ibid.)

I got a chuckle on the long lost QSL. I wonder if I lost any by not staying put forever in one place. Out of curiosity, did Radio Sweden say anything about the correctness of your report while telling you that they don't do QSLs anymore? (Mike Hawkins, IRCA via DXLD) see also CHINA, re Firedrake 9380

** SYRIA. 12085, Radio Damascus, 2122-2201*, Feb 20, tune-in to English news. Local music. Readable signal with better modulation than usual but loud hum in audio. Just a little weaker on // 9330 - but with adjacent channel splatter from possibly Radio Farda on 9335 (Brian Alexander, PA, DX Listening Digest) Meanwhile:

12085, Damascus Radio at 2123 in English, woman with news to 2124 ID, then Arabic music. Audio somewhat distorted. Good Feb 20 (Harold Sellers, Vernon, British Columbia, Eton E1 and Sony AN-1 antenna, listening portable, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9330, 22/Feb 2245, R Damascus, Spanish. YL terminating a program and soon after local pop music. 2249 YL announces ID. With good signal strength, but a strong whistle that prevents listening clean. Has time when it is only the carrier. Problem very similar to Radio Cairo in Portuguese. 73 (Jorge Freitas, Feira de Santana Bahia, Brasil, Degen 1103 Dipole antenna, 19 meters - east/west - Balun 4:1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

RADIO DAMASCUS BACK ONLINE!

Dear radio Damascus friends, After being for a while off-line, it is with great pleasure that I can announce the reappearance of Radio Damascus on the internet. You can download the audio recording of the daily program of Radio Damascus on the internet at the following direct links :
http://www.syriaonline.sy/radio.php or at
http://www.radio-damascus.net

Radio Damascus' English, Spanish and German program are now also available as a podcast:
http://radiodamascusenglish.podomatic.com (English program)
http://aquidamasco.podomatic.com (Spanish program)
http://radio700.eu/podcasts/damaskus/damaskus.xml (German program)

You can add the Radio Damascus' podcasts to your podcasts in Apple's Itunes and take it with you on your Ipod or other media player as an MP3 file.

The being off-line of Radio Damascus for some time was due to an upgrade of the main server at RTV Syria where the Radio Damascus files are hosted. The replacement of the server took longer as foreseen but now you are able to listen again to the program in digital audio quality.

Furthermore, times and frequencies of Radio Damascus are as follows:

1600-1700 UTC/GMT Turkish daily 9.330 Khz, 12.085 Khz and satellite
1700-1800 UTC/GMT Russian daily 9.330 Khz, 12.085 Khz and satellite
1800-1900 UTC/GMT German daily 9.330 Khz, 12.085 Khz and satellite
1900-2000 UTC/GMT French daily 9.330 Khz, 12.085 Khz and satellite
2000-2100 UTC/GMT English daily on satellite
2100-2200 UTC/GMT English daily 9.330 Khz, 12.085 Khz and satellite
2200-2300 UTC/GMT Spanish daily 9.330 Khz, 12.085 Khz and satellite

783 Khz Mediumwave : 1600-1830 UTC/GMT Hebrew, 1830-1900 Russian

Satellites:
Hot Bird at 13.0 E : 12380 Mhz
Nilesat at 7.0 W : 11823 Mhz
Badr / Arabsat at 26.0 E : 12054 Mhz
Asiasat 2 at 100.5 E : 3820 Mhz

Their address is:

Radio Damascus
P. O. Box 4702
Damascus, Syrian Arab Republic

http://www.radio-damascus.net
email : radiodamascusenglish @ yahoo.com

http://www.radio-damascus-listeners-club.tk or
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/radio_damascus

http://www.syriaonline.sy (RTV English Website)
http://www.rtv.gov.sy (RTV Arabic Website)
http://www.syriaonline.sy/radio.php (audio recordings)

greetings (Kris Janssen, Belgium, Feb 21, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** TAIWAN [and non]. 9735, just as I tuned in a good signal at 1357 Feb 23, ``Taiwan Hoso desu`` ID and music, off at 1357:30. Aoki shows this Japanese service at 11-12 & 13-14, 250 kW, 45 degrees from Tainan, so also USward. Off just in time, as CRI Chinese service started prÈlude at 1358 on 9730, via Kashgar, EAST TURKISTAN (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** TAJIKISTAN. It seems, radio and ovozi tocik "(Tajikistan) fundamentally changed its grid broadcasting. Transfer description.ru on 1400-1500, now not. Till 1400 is English program (while WRTH-2010 gives 1300-1400 in Arabic), in 1400 sounds multilingual announcement (including English), and the transmission continues at some of the languages of the Iranian group (Persian, Dari or Tajik). 7245 kHz frequency, I heard at 33333. Shulyakovskiy vernicia CNR-2. Know any current schedule in Russian? (Dmitrijs Mezin, Kazan,Russia / "open_dx" via RusDX 21 Feb via DXLD)

** THAILAND. 6765.1-USB, Bangkok Meteorological R. *1159-1210 IS of a pleasant melody starting at 1159, but sounded like there may have been some music before. Unreadable M at 1201. Then IS again at 1209. Very poor but clear. (20 Feb) (Dave Valko, Dunlo PA, Cumbredx mailing list via DXLD)

On 15 Feb at 1538 UT I was listening to Bangkok Meteorological Radio on 8743 USB and they had an English announcement requesting reception reports. I didn't record the announcement but I think the mailing address given was the usual Sukhumvit Road address (Jari Savolainen, Kuusankoski, Finland, ibid.)

** TIBET. 4920.00, 2240-2250, CHINA, 20.02, Xizang PBS, Lhasa. English "Holy Tibet" about Tibet Opera explaining "What is good and what is wrong" 45544 // 4905 (also 45544) (Anker Petersen, done on my AOR AR7030PLUS with 28 m longwire, Skovlunde, Denmark, via Dario Monferini, playdx yg via DXLD)

** TURKEY. 6020, VoT, English with ME music and listener letters,

including mention of email and snail-mail addresses, into DX corner at 0425 (with the question of the month contest rather than what you or I would think of as a DX programme!) and more music afterward. News headlines at 0448 and sked recap at :49. They did not mention and were not heard on 7325 which was relayed from Sackville earlier in the season. Carrier off at 0450 after a brief bit of IS. In well, SIO 44+4 with a bit of a het that the notch kicked out & some local noise 0420-0450* 14/Feb (Kenneth Vito Zichi, Williamston MI, MARE Tipsheet 19 Feb via DXLD)

That`s because the Sackville relay has been on 6040 in B-09 since 7325 in A-09, and you might have found better reception there, at least hetless, had you uptuned an icosakHz.

15480, no sign of TRT or any signal here at 1425 Feb 20, lending credence to my theory that its presence Feb 18 past 1500 was an operational error long past scheduled 1400*.

11620, VOT piano variations IS, Feb 22 at 1457, S9+10 good except for flutter. O o, as uplooked later, the «akirlar operator must be dozing again, as this is the end of the Uyghur hour, not the prÈlude to any other broadcast on this frequency. Wake up, hurry up and get it retuned to 11680 for Dari or 9530 for Persian both starting at 1600; sources differ as to which transmitter site; TRT may swap them around as needed for repairs, maintenance.

VOT 1330 English service Feb 23: At 1327 still nothing on 12035, but IS audible at 1329, poor rather than just barely audible modulation, so I had hopes, but at 1402 recheck, very undermodulated music. // 15300 at 1414 more Turkish music, under RFI with SAH. So both frequencies remain useless (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** UGANDA. 4976, ìR. UBCî heard 2/20 from 0403 tune with news by man in English to 0414. A male singer with ìPlease Forgive Meî and 2-3 other pop vocals followed without announcements to past 0425. One of the best sig levels heard here for this station on a good nite for Africans. SINPO 45*444 (*after notching out the QRM from 4975). Slow fade after 0435 (Bruce Churchill, Fallbrook CA, Cumbre DX via DXLD)

** U K [non]. My first chance to check BBCWS 9410 via WHRI during the time previously occupied by Connexion HaÔti in KreyÚl which allegedly ended after Feb 12: a week later, Feb 19 at 1231, BBC headlines in English, and on into Newshour, first about Australia vs Japanese whaling, and then about stem cell research and the AAAS, past 1240.

So this 12-13 UT transmission, also via Guiana French 11860 unchecked today, originally in Spanish only, has not gone back to that. I suppose it still starts in Spanish with new news for 15 (or 10 or 5?)

minutes, and then switches to English for the rest of the hour instead of archival Spanish shows and alternating pop and classical music fill, which was hardly the best use of resources. It remains the ONLY BBCWS SW transmission in English from or to the Western Hemisphere, so contrary to anti-SW policy (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. BBG CONFIRMATIONS IN MARCH? "It's slow going in this town even for nonpaying, part-time jobs. Take for example the confirmations of eight members of the Broadcasting Board of Governors, the folks who oversee U.S. international radio and television programs. Many months in the making, the slate of four Republicans and four Democrats -- the secretary of state's designee breaks any ties -- was announced three months ago. The skids were greased for confirmation without even so much as a hearing. But nothing happened before the Senate recess.

There was word of a glitch with some of the nominees, but we're told that's not the case, just normal checks at the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. Now they're talking confirmations in March." Al Kamen, Washington Post, 17 February 2010. Not "nonpaying": there is some remuneration for BBG members. And I don't think the secretary of state's ex officio vote is strictly for tie-breaking. See previous post about same subject.

Walter Isaacson, nominated for the chairmanship of the BBG, will write an authorized biography of Apple founder Steve Jobs. Kevin Bloom, The Daily Maverick (Johannesburg), 18 February 2010. Posted: 19 Feb 2010 (for linx see http://kimelli.nfshost.com/index.php?id=8371 via DXLD)

** U S A. HAPPY 68TH ANNIVERSARY, VOA!
http://www1.voanews.com/english/news/usa/Anniversary-of-VOAs-First-Broadcast-in-1942-85211037.html
(Glenn Hauser, Feb 24, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. VOA SOMALI-SERVICE: FARHIA ABSIEíS RESIGNATION LETTER DUE TO HARASSMENT AND DISCRIMINATION
http://somalilandpress.com/11248/voa-somali-service-farhia-absies-resignation-letter-due-to-harassment-and-discrimination/

To: Somali Service, Africa Division, VOA, IBB and BBG top executives
Re: Resignation Letter
Date: Tuesday, January, 27, 2010

My name is Farhia M. Absie. I am a contractor for the Somali Service of Voice of America (VOA). I write this letter with heavy heart knowing that I have no choice but to officially give up on a job in which I love doing with all my heart. However, my boss, Mr. Abdirahman Yebarow Weheliye left me and other reporters before me no choice but to leave the Somali service of VOA. Not to do this at this time

enables to diminish my credibility as Journalist and as a human being.

Mr. Weheliyeís Abusive Behavior

Mr. Weheliye is aggressive, and he continuously insults and demeans me as well as others at the service. He is unprofessional and the most incompetent boss I have ever worked for. He tries to make up for his short comings by putting others down. He is inferior to anyone who is not from his clan. This behavior has baffled me for the longest time knowing that he is responsible to lead a service that was supposed to be impartial to whatís happening in Somalia. A service thatís deeply needed by Somalis that hungry for fair and unbiased news and information.

However, I just recently discovered the roots of his hostility towards me: I have made strong friendships with several of my coworkers (one was forced to resign few months ago) who Mr. Weheliye sees as enemy and people to be fought and resist against because of his clans political and historical grievances against them.

This behavior made the news room an uncomfortable battle zone because of Mr. Weheliyeís constant harassment of others he did not like due to their tribal affiliations. Indirectly, he tried to turn me against some of these people at the service that belonged to other tribes. These staff members that he wanted me to turn against were from the same tribe as my mother, and when I rejected this to his face, he took it as I siding with them and against him.

I reminded him that this is the United States of America and the Somali Service doesnít belong to any particular clan. I told him that this was a news organization, and the mission of the U.S for this Service was to help deliver accurate news on the plight of the Horn of Africa.

I warned Mr. Weheliye privately many times to disengage from his clannish hostility towards me and others. I told him that I donít like the clan system that continues to destroy Somalia to this day to become an issue in our workplace in the United States of America.

It was at this time that Mr. Weheliye saw me as an enemy to be rid off as he has done to others before. But I resisted, and some of the employees including me begun to complain about being signaled out because of our friendships or tribal affiliations. Some have now left VOA because of this targeting, but I have decided to fight against his behavior which fueled his actions towards me even further.

I however, stood up to him many times letting him know that no matter how much he tries to demean me or demote my duties by eliminating my

air time, the Somali people are not blind, deaf and dump. They know who the most talented broadcasters at the service are. Itís not something he can cover up with the nurturing and promoting of those that he thinks are not threat to him. Those that he knows owe him because they were hired unfairly and unjustly from the beginning.

The most incapable and incompetent people at the service are those from his tribe. Most of them are uneducated and have no natural talent; they know that they would have never got any other job thatís not in a factory if it wasnít VOA. Thatís why they take his abused.

Mr. Abdirahman Yabarow Weheliye him self is a fraud in many ways and he knows it. The reason why he canít tolerate and gets intimidated by others and anyone else who is not like him is because the only job he has ever held for more than few years was driving a Taxi in Washington DC. Somali people know who he is and the fact that his broadcasting record is completely fabricated.

I do not prescribe to the whole tribal thinking, I consider myself Somali and a citizen of the worldóand I am deeply disturbed by the cruel mismanagement and clannish behavior of Mr. Abdirahman Yebarow Weheliye and some of his newly arrived clan members at the service.

The reasons mentioned above and many others mention bellows are the reasons why my integrity will not allow me to remind with this Service. Therefore, I am here by resigning from VOA.

I understand that those above Mr. Yebarow have chosen to turn a blind eye and to file behind him no mater what. However, I am hopeful that those of you at the top will have the integrity to open your eyes and seek out the truth of why he is having problems with everyone who is not from his clan, but not anyone from his clan.

Itís the Somali way of life. When it comes to someone from your clan member against someone else, its common to always filed and stand shoulder to shoulder with your clan member, right or wrong.

The Somali service has no Somali intellectuals that listen to, itís a joke. And the way itís going now, it only contributes to the fire in Somalia. And will no way help the message that the U.S wants to send or share with the Horn. Most people have no respect for the service because they quickly realized how corrupt it is and the fact that it feeds to the same propaganda agenda that is responsible for the demise of the southern Somalia.

My future is too bright for this service. I have dreams that Mr. Weheliye and his small minded friends alike cannot even imagine. Thatís why I am moving on. I list the following for future reference

if anyone is ever interested.

Iíll also attach an invoice that Mr. Weheliye asked me to do last year for someone who was not at the time a member of the Somali service. This information has been forwarded to the members of the media and the office of the Inspector General. This work was never done by this person who is a close relative of Mr. Weheliye. He decided that he wanted to reimburse her the money in which she bought her flight ticket to America.

1- Abuse of federal Contract

2- Unfair hiring practices

3- Discrimination on the basis of Clan and retaliation

4- Miss use of the VOA Somali Service to attain and to fulfill certain agenda which clearly undermines the U.S policy towards Somalia and the goals of the Somali Service.

5- Fraud.

It wonít be long before all the others or at least most others that donít belong to his tribe follow me and those that left before me. I Have faith that justice will prevail and the U.S tax payers will not continue to fund the very same practices that keep on fueling the conflict in the Horn of Africa.

I thank you for giving me the opportunity to be able to serve my deeply wounded people and fellow Somalis.

Sincerely,
Farhia M. Absie

DISCLAIMER: The letter does not express the views of the U.S. government-funded Voice of America.

Response from the Voice of America

A former Voice of America (VOA) contractor has made a number of allegations on several Somali Websites about the VOA Somali Service and its Chief, Abdirahman Yabarow. Those allegations are baseless. In a continuing effort to produce valuable, high quality broadcasts, VOA will occasionally make changes to achieve its goals and maintain its standards. All decisions are made to preserve the integrity of our programming, while respecting and honoring our contractual agreements.

VOA does not comment on details about internal matters involving

individual employees or contractors. Decisions about VOA's Somali Service are made to achieve the goal of broadcasting excellence. The VOA Somali service has a large listening audience in Somalia as a result of its reputation as a source for accurate, objective and comprehensive news and broadcast opportunity for the Somali people to express their many points of view. VOA takes pride in the service and the leadership of the service (Joan Mower, final of 15 `comments` so far to this post, via kimandrewelliott.com via DXLD)

BTW, from some of the other comments it is clear that this contractor is female (gh)

** U S A [and non]. 7595 at 0130 Feb 19 with VOA Yankee-Doodle jingle, fair in Farsi talk, but heavy RTTY QRM from about 7597 requiring side-tuning. This in absence of 7590 GB Lavwadlamerik which finishes at 0100 altho completely absent from Aoki listing. Which however says the 0130 language is really Dari, the Radio Ashna service to Afghanistan following an hour of Pashto, 334 degrees aus Iranawila, SRI LANKA.

Lavwadlamerik confirmed still running an extra Creole hour among many others kept secret from the public schedule, i.e. 0200-0300; at 0210 check Feb 22 on 7465 and much better 5835.

Quick check of the enhanced VOA services in the 01-02 hour, UT Tue Feb 23 between 0116 and 0120: A Fondo, co-produxion with R. MartÌ, was VG on 9415, poor on 11625, but missing from its third frequency 7340. Lavwadlamerik fair-good on 7465 and 5835, but missing from its third frequency, 5960. The absentees still appear on the VOA A-Z language transmission schedule, so a couple GB transmitters down? As usual, the three old RM channels 6030, 7365 and 9825 bore jamming only, so it was impossible to confirm if anything was really being transmitted underneath (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

6030, 19/2 0120, Radio MartÏ OFF AIR, weak jammer signal (Giampiero Bernardini, Milano, Italia, RX: SDR-IQ AOR AR7030 - Ant. T2FD, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

During the A Fondo hour, transmitter needed on another frequency instead of VOA/RM are being cagey about which frequencies are turned off during this hour only (gh, DXLD)

6030, 20/2 0051, Radio MartÌ, Clandestine to Cuba, on air again after one night off, sport talks, impressive 9+30 signal (Giampiero Bernardini, Milano, Italia, RX: SDR-IQ AOR AR7030 - Ant. T2FD, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

But this log is before 0100. It was probably off again in the 01-02 hour (Glenn Hauser, DXLD)

Missing 24 hours earlier, both 5960 LVA and 7340 A Fondo are back at 0113 check UT Feb 24. Must be some transmitter problems at Greenville (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. Saw today in 18 Feb DXLD the request for info about Dixon, CA as an AFRTS relay. I have many of WRTH going back to `71 and all from 71 to 83. The person who made the inquiry is right that `78 WRTH does list Dixon as being used by AFRTS then and in the 1979 issue as well. 1971-77 list Bethany, Delano, Greenville and Philippines (Poro/Tinang); so do 1980-1983. I don`t have an explanation as to why this is. Maybe Delano had problems at the time (Bill Wilkins, Springfield MO, 19 Feb, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. WTWW on the air again, first time heard in February, 0313 Feb 19 with S9+20 open carrier on 5755; next check at 0319, classic rock music test had started and at least one of the old IDs mentioning a river bank. Computer noise back on as I tried to keep monitoring, but either off or considerably weakening by 0335. I expect they are about ready to start regular talk programming of religion and/or politix (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Visit http://wtww.us/ and click on Listen Live. Right now (Feb. 19) at 1440z I can hear a religious program. Regards, DL (Dragan Lekic, Serbia, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

I noted WTWW via Webstream at 1457 UT following the email sent by Dragan Lekic in Serbia. The Program heard was "Scriptures for America", with Pastor Peters. Not sure why George decides to carry a program that WWCR already carries. But we can surely say, Welcome to The New WTWW from Lebanon, TN, USA. 73's, (Noble West, Clinton, TN, PC: Dell Dimension 2400 stream: WTWW Website (Direct Connection), Feb 19, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

As discovered by Dragan Lekic, the WTWW live stream is now funxioning, via http://wtww.us We heard it after 1500 Feb 19 and it`s Pastor Pete Peters, also on WWCR 9980 but did not check to see how it matched. Did monitor around 1535 and WTWW was not on the 9480 air at the time, but it looks like PPP will be the programming, just what we need; or rather, just what WTWW needs (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

I heard an announcement on WWCR that Pastor Pete Peters was "testing" tomorrow (now today) starting at 10 AM CST 1600 UT and ending 10 PM CST 0400 UT. So sounds like WTWW will be turning [on] the transmitter and using the same frequency schedule as last time (Thomas Nyberg, IA, Feb 20, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hmm, checking 9480 at 1616, nada here in Naples, FL (Hans Johnson, Feb

20, ibid.)

WTWW was allegedly going to test with Pastor Pete Peters all day Feb 20 from 1600 UT until 0400 Sunday, as heard by Thomas Nyberg, announced by PPP on WWCR 5890 --- but no show here from 1600 past 1800 on 9480; if on between 19 and 22 would be 9475, then back to 9480 or 5755 until 0400.

Since he is already 24/7 via huge signals from WWCR, it beats me why PPP would want to be on WTWW also, same bands from same state, virtually same coverage. But the vanity and ego of Aryan gospel huxters can never be overestimated (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Dear Glenn: I noticed WTWW live streaming at around 2100 UT in English with PPP's program "Scriptures For America". I also noted this program on Friday afternoon, Feb. 20, 2010 at around the same hour with song by Randy Davenport. I hope if all goes well, we can hear anything on SW other than Pastor Peter J. Peters. 73's from Tennessee, (Noble West, Clinton, Feb 21, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A [and non]. 7490, WWCR Power Hower as the wacky YL tries to make a conspiracy out of the Austin crash, Feb 19 at 1328, and jamming noise audible underneath; later in the morning, WWCR is so strong that the jamming cannot be heard here, tho Eric Bryan in Washington state was complaining of it, wondering who`s jamming WWCR? It`s really against R. Free North Korea, inconveniently scheduled at 13-15 via Tajikistan.

I also hear 9980 WWCR with PPP on 8590, but that`s a local mixing product with KCRC Enid, 1390 kHz away.

WWCR-3, 7490, Feb 20 at 1425 quick check, still running Musical Memories with Martha Garvin, the piano lady, instead of Country Crossroads with Bill Mack, as still appears on the February 1 pdf program guide for 1400 Saturdays (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Why did WWCR suddenly move from 5070 to 4775 part of the time? FCC told me Feb 16: ``We have received an interference complaint from a foreign government's fixed operation concerning WWCR's 5070 operation. We are currently communicating with that government agency concerning this; meanwhile, WWCR is operating on 4775 pending the outcome of this matter.`` --- so possibly the change is not permanent.

5070, ``Ask WWCR`` started a minute or two earlier than 0245 UT Sunday Feb 21, so would be done in time for frequency change to 4775 before hourtop; as I tuned in at 0244, already in progress. Three-way

discussion by Brady, Jerry and Phil, only about the recent frequency changes and management.

An interference problem from Slovakia to WWCR 5935 is apparently being lessened by slightly changing their azimuth, i.e. on 5930. In A-10, RSI plans to use that instead of 6040 for NAm starting at 0100 with English. Here in CNAm, it`s RSI which will lose out by being that close to DGS, just like R. Prague at other hours. Those two don`t seem to get it that they must stay at least 10 kHz away from any US SW stations, when broadcasting to North America.

WWCR guys congratulated selves on getting rid of 7095 mixing product after only one night (not mentioning who told them about it; and altho I did hear it again later, JBA).

And said such things cannot be anticipated. Axually they can, as I explained previously with the formulae for possible mixes of any two frequencies, e.g. 5205 could appear if 4775 and 9980 are ever on air at same time, 5205 being the difference between them.

It was all very positive, with no discussion of these changes` impact on other stations such as TWR on 4775, or Djibouti 4780. But they welcome comments to 4775 @ wwcr.com

This edition should be audible on demand for another week via http://www.wwcr.com/ask-wwcr_309.mp3

I also listened a bit to 4775 at 0606 UT Sunday Feb 21 as ``Into Tomorrow`` with Dave Graveline was starting, for the Valentine weekend!!! As they mentioned repeatedly. So what we get on WWCR is one-week delayed; why? It must be renamed ``Into Yesterweek`` (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) CODAR vs WWCR: see RADIO EQUIPMENT FORUM

JAMMER NEAR WWCR 4775 --- Dear Glenn, CLANDESTINE, 4788.87, Voice of Iranian Kurdistan, via Salah Al-Din, Iraq, 0425-0435, Feb 19, Kurdish announced a song, 0430 Farsi talk (news ?), 32432 Jammed by Iran. At 0445-0450 both had moved to 4770.97, thus also jamming WWCR, at least here in Europe! (Anker Petersen, Denmark, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Dear Glenn, The fight on 4775 goes on --

SWAZILAND, 4775, TWR, Mpangela Ranch, 0350-0359, Feb 22, Lomwe, religious talk, hymns, 42442 stronger than interfering WWCR. Thus two U.S. based religious broadcasters are fighting each other. Also QRM from Voice of Iranian Kurdistan plus Iranian jammer on 4769.97.

4775, WWCR, Nashville, TN, 0310-0440, Feb 22, English religious talks,

mentioned Billy Graham, 42332. QRM from co-channel TWR, Swaziland (QSA 4), Djibouti 4780 (QSA 4) and from 0350 also Kurdish clandestine and Iranian jammer on 4769.97 (QSA 4-5). Best 73, (Anker Petersen, Denmark, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A [and non]. 7415, R. Farda presumed the station with music causing a SAH under stronger open carrier, no doubt WBCQ, Feb 19 at 0150. Earlier in the hour had noticed Brother Scare via WBCQ, a not especially strong signal, and the co-channel would certainly have been a bother if one really wanted to listen to him and WBCQ were still modulating.

So here we have a USG service which deliberately co-channels a domestic US shortwave station; via Lampertheim, GERMANY, 100 kW, 108 degrees at 0030-0230. O, right, totally different target areas so could not possibly be any QRM back in the USA! It`s bad enough that China runs many hours on 7415 without IBB doing it too to `BCQ.

The WBCQ online program guide shows BS on 7415 at 0100-0400 weekdays, 0200-0400 UT Sat & Sun.

15420 at 1526 Feb 20, BBC had variable het on it, presumably WBCQ transmitter warming up for the Brother Scare Sabbath, but could not make out any modulation from him. This week did not keep listening to find when WBCQ would add the mod; unneeded anyway with plenty of BS on 9385 WWRB at 1534, and also one second before it on 17485 via GERMANY, R. G. screaming his lungs out, possessed as he is by the Holy Spirit (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 7505.6, WRNO with instrumental and vocal Jesus pop music. VERY strong signal, but weird raspy modulation sound noticed in USB (only) like the signal wasn't staying on one frequency. This was NOT noted on any other station or on the LSB of this signal, so it wasn't my radio --- weird. Had to use the attenuator to get the signal DOWN to 30 dB over S9! Several IDs as WRNO Worldwide, including one at :38 mentioning 'transmitter in New Orleans`. SIO 554+ 0205-0300 16/Feb (Kenneth Vito Zichi, Williamston MI, MARE Tipsheet 19 Feb via DXLD)

Michiganders are close to the 20 degree boresight of WRNO, among the most lucky of all Americans, along with Badgers and myrialakers, near the official target of SW Ontario, which is known as NW Ontario (Glenn Hauser, DXLD)

** U S A. 15210, YFR Okeechobee in English at 1450 UT suffered by a strange ute-like hiss/buzz signal. Scheduled 1400-1600 UT, S=6-7 signal in Germany. I couldn't determinate whether this was a separate UTE "vibration buzz" or settled together with YFR audio (Wolfgang

B¸schel, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Feb 17 via BC-DX 20 Feb via DXLD)

Have not noticed any problems with this WYFR frequency here (gh, DXLD)

11725, Spanish sermon in calm tones badly breaking up at 1409 Feb 24, but at least this one has a definite carrier; quickly IDed as WYFR by // clear 11740.

11725, WYFR Spanish back to normal at 1418 Feb 25, 24+ hours after being badly broken up (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A [and non]. 6150 a mix of at least three stations at 1357 Feb 24: Russian tune-up tones, kid song, hymn? And Chinese. 1400 into YFR Open Forum translated into some language. KBS is on until 1400, then YFR via ``Armavir``, Russia site, 300 kW, 110 degrees. Aoki says it`s Punjabi via ``Krasnodar``. And before 1400, ChiCom jamming and Taiwan (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Additional transmissions of WYFR in English via VT Comm. from Feb. 15:
1500-1600 on 11985 RMP 500 kW / 085 deg to WeAs
1700-1800 on 12045 ASC 250 kW / 102 deg to SoAf
1800-1900 on 9770 MEY 100 kW / 007 deg to SoAf

Frequency change of WYFR Family Radio in English & Spanish:
0400-1145 NF 6875 YFR 100 kW / 355 deg to NoAm, ex 6915
(DX Mix News, Bulgaria, Feb 22 via DXLD)

** U S A. Final 28 March to 31 October 2010, A-10
High Frequency Schedule for Family Stations, Inc., WYFR.
[note: this version includes RTI relays tho not specified]

Freq (kHz)	Time (UTC)	Az(Degrees)	Zone(s)	Power
5850	0500-1000	181	11	50
5950	0300-0900	285	10	100
5950	0900-1300	355	4,5,9	100
5950	2200-0300	355	4,5,9	100
5985	0500-1300	315	2	100
5985	2000-0500	181	11	50
6085	1000-1945	181	11	100
6175	0900-1100	160	15	100
6875	0300-1200	355	4,5,9	100
6915	2100-0100	160	16	100
6985	2245-0445	355	4,5,9	100
7520	0100-0200	142	13	100
7520	0500-0600	222	11	100

7520	0600-0800	44	27	100
7520	2200-0100	142	15	100
7570	0100-0300	160	16	100
7570	0400-0500	222	11	100
7730	0300-0500	160	16	100
7730	0500-0800	44	27	100
7730	1100-1400	222	12	100
9340	0445-0900	87	46	100
9355	0400-0800	44	27	100
9355	1100-1200	160	15	100
9385	0200-0400	222	11	100
9505	0000-0445	315	2	100
9550	0800-1200	160	14	100
9605	0800-1100	142	13	100
9605	1100-1400	222	12	100
9625	0800-1300	140	13	100
9680	0145-0800	315	2	100
9715	0300-1200	285	10	50
9755	0900-1145	285	10	100
9985	0300-0500	160	16	100
9985	0500-0800	44	27	100
11530	2300-0300	160	14	100
11530	0345-0900	87	46	100
11550	0100-0400	142	13	100
11580	0300-0400	160	14	100
11580	0500-0800	44	28	100
11580	2245-0300	160	14	100
11670	1400-1600	222	11	100
11740	2145-2400	315	2	100
11740	0200-0500	222	11	100
11770	0800-1100	142	13	100
11830	1300-1700	315	2	100
11835	0000-0300	285	10	50
11855	2000-0200	222	11	100
11855	0800-1200	160	16	100
11865	1300-1700	315	2	100
11910	1300-1700	355	4,5,9	100
11970	0800-1600	151	15	100
13615	1700-2200	315	2	100
13690	1700-2200	355	4,5,9	100
13695	1200-1700	355	4,5,9	100
13800	1200-1600	160	14	100
15130	1200-2400	285	10	50
15190	2200-0100	142	13	100

15255	2200-0500	151	15	100
15440	2145-0300	285	10	100
15600	1845-2300	44	27	100
15695	2000-2200	44	27	100
15770	1200-1600	160	16	100
15770	1600-1700	44	27	100
15770	2100-2245	87	46	100
17555	1200-1600	160	14	100
17725	1700-0200	140	13	100
17750	1700-2045	44	27	100
17795	1200-2145	285	10	100
17845	1800-2245	87	46	100
17885	1700-1800	87	46	100
18930	1600-2200	44	27	100
18980	1400-1600	142	15	100
18980	1600-2145	44	28	100
21455	1600-2000	44	28	100
21525	1600-2100	87	46	100
21670	1600-1845	44	27	100

In the following, all are 100 kW except * 50 kW

WYFR TIME SORT

TIME (UTC)	LANG	FREQ (KHZ)	AZ	
0000-0100	ENGL	7520	142	
0000-0100	PORT	11580	160	
0000-0100	FREN	15255	151	
0000-0100	PORT	17725	140	
0000-0200	SPAN	11835	285	*
0000-0445	ENGL	6985	355	
0000-0445	ENGL	9505	315	
0100-0145	PORT	7520	142	
0100-0145	SPAN	17725	140	
0100-0200	SPAN	5950	355	
0100-0200	SPAN	7570	160	
0100-0200	PORT	11530	160	
0100-0300	SPAN	15255	151	
0100-0345	PORT	11550	142	
0100-0345	SPAN	11580	160	
0200-0245	ENGL	11835	285	*
0200-0300	ENGL	5985	181	*
0200-0300	ENGL	9385	222	
0200-0300	SPAN	11530	160	
0200-0300	SPAN	11740	222	

0300-0345	SPAN	9385	222	
0300-0400	PORT	7730	160	
0300-0400	SPAN	9680	315	
0300-0400	ENGL	11740	222	
0300-0400	ENGL	15255	151	
0300-0445	SPAN	5985	181	*
0300-0445	SPAN	9985	160	
0300-1145	SPAN	9715	285	
0400-0445	SPAN	7730	160	
0400-0445	PORT	11530	87	
0400-0445	SPAN	11740	222	
0400-0445	SPAN	15255	151	
0400-0500	RUSS	9355	44	
0400-0600	ENGL	6875	355	
0400-0700	ENGL	9680	315	
0500-0545	SPAN	7520	222	
0500-0600	SPAN	5850	181	*
0500-0600	MAND	5985	315	
0500-0600	GERM	7730	44	
0500-0600	ARAB	9340	87	
0500-0600	ARAB	9355	44	
0500-0600	SPAN	9985	44	
0500-0600	FREN	11530	87	
0500-0600	FREN	11580	44	
0504-0700	SPAN	9505	222	
0600-0700	ENGL	5850	181	*
0600-0700	CANT	5985	315	
0600-0700	SPAN	6875	355	
0600-0700	ROMA	7730	44	
0600-0700	FREN	9340	87	
0600-0700	FREN	9355	44	
0600-0700	ITAL	9985	44	
0600-0700	ENGL	11530	87	
0600-0700	ENGL	11580	44	
0600-0745	ENGL	7520	44	
0700-0745	POLI	7730	44	
0700-0745	SPAN	9355	44	
0700-0745	SPAN	9680	315	
0700-0745	PORT	9985	44	
0700-0745	GERM	11580	44	
0700-0800	ENGL	9505	222	
0700-0800	ARAB	11530	87	
0700-0845	ENGL	5950	285	

0700-0845	ENGL	9340	87	
0700-0945	SPAN	5850	181	*
0700-1100	ENGL	6875	355	
0700-1245	ENGL	5985	315	
0800-0845	FREN	11530	87	
0800-0945	SPAN	9505	222	
0800-1000	PORT	9625	140	
0800-1000	SPAN	11970	151	
0800-1045	PORT	9605	142	
0800-1045	PORT	11770	142	
0800-1100	SPAN	9550	160	
0800-1145	SPAN	11855	160	
0900-1000	SPAN	5950	355	
0900-1045	PORT	6175	160	
0900-1145	ENGL	9755	285	
1000-1100	FREN	9625	140	
1000-1100	FREN	11970	151	
1000-1245	ENGL	5950	355	
1000-1600	SPAN	6085	181	
1100-1145	SPAN	6875	355	
1100-1145	SPAN	9355	160	
1100-1145	ENGL	9550	160	
1100-1200	ENGL	7730	222	
1100-1200	ENGL	9625	140	
1100-1300	SPAN	11970	151	
1100-1345	SPAN	9605	222	
1200-1245	PORT	9625	140	
1200-1300	FREN	13695	355	
1200-1300	ENGL	17555	160	
1200-1345	SPAN	7730	222	
1200-1400	SPAN	15770	160	
1200-1545	SPAN	13800	160	
1200-2145	ENGL	17795	285	
1200-2345	SPAN	15130	285	
1300-1400	ENGL	11865	315	
1300-1400	FREN	11970	151	
1300-1400	MAND	13695	355	
1300-1400	PORT	17555	160	
1300-1600	ENGL	11910	355	
1300-1645	ENGL	11830	315	
1400-1500	SPAN	11865	315	

1400-1500	ENGL	13695	355	
1400-1500	PORT	15770	160	
1400-1500	SPAN	18980	142	
1400-1545	SPAN	11670	222	
1400-1545	SPAN	11970	151	
1400-1545	SPAN	17555	160	
1500-1545	ENGL	15770	160	
1500-1545	PORT	18980	142	
1500-1600	MAND	11865	315	
1500-1600	SPAN	13695	355	
1600-1645	ENGL	11865	315	
1600-1645	FREN	11910	355	
1600-1645	ARAB	15770	44	
1600-1700	ENGL	6085	181	
1600-1700	ENGL	13695	355	
1600-1700	ENGL	21525	87	
1600-1700	SPAN	21670	44	
1600-1800	RUSS	18930	44	
1600-1800	ENGL	21455	44	
1600-2145	ENGL	18980	44	
1700-1745	FREN	17885	87	
1700-1800	SPAN	13615	315	
1700-1800	GERM	17750	44	
1700-1800	PORT	21525	87	
1700-1800	ITAL	21670	44	
1700-1900	SPAN	6085	181	
1700-2000	ENGL	13690	355	
1700-2000	PORT	17725	140	
1800-1845	SPAN	21670	44	
1800-1900	ITAL	17750	44	
1800-1900	FREN	18930	44	
1800-1900	GERM	21455	44	
1800-2000	FREN	21525	87	
1800-2145	ENGL	13615	315	
1800-2200	ENGL	17845	87	
1900-1945	ENGL	6085	181	
1900-1945	FREN	21455	44	
1900-2000	RUSS	15600	44	
1900-2000	ARAB	17750	44	
1900-2000	ENGL	18930	44	
2000-0145	SPAN	11855	222	
2000-0200	SPAN	5985	181	*

2000-2045	ENGL	17750	44
2000-2045	ARAB	21525	87
2000-2100	SPAN	13690	355
2000-2100	ROMA	15600	44
2000-2100	GERM	15695	44
2000-2100	ENGL	17725	140
2000-2100	POLI	18930	44
2100-0045	SPAN	6915	160
2100-2145	ENGL	13690	355
2100-2145	PORT	15695	44
2100-2145	ARAB	18930	44
2100-2200	SPAN	15600	44
2100-2200	PORT	15770	87
2100-2200	FREN	17725	140
2200-0045	PORT	15190	142
2200-0100	ENGL	5950	355
2200-0200	ENGL	15440	285
2200-2245	FREN	15600	44
2200-2245	ENGL	15770	87
2200-2245	ARAB	17845	87
2200-2300	SPAN	7520	142
2200-2300	SPAN	15255	151
2200-2300	PORT	17725	140
2200-2345	ENGL	11740	315
2300-0000	FREN	6985	355
2300-0000	PORT	7520	142
2300-0000	ENGL	11580	160
2300-0000	ENGL	15255	151
2300-0100	SPAN	11530	160

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KHZ	TIME (UTC)	LANG	AZ	
5850	0500-0600	SPAN	181	*
5850	0600-0700	ENGL	181	*
5850	0700-0945	SPAN	181	*
5950	0900-1000	SPAN	355	
5950	1000-1245	ENGL	355	
5950	2200-0100	ENGL	355	
5950	0100-0200	SPAN	355	
5950	0700-0845	ENGL	285	
5985	2000-0200	SPAN	181	*
5985	0200-0300	ENGL	181	*
5985	0300-0445	SPAN	181	*
5985	0500-0600	MAND	315	

5985	0600-0700	CANT	315
5985	0700-1245	ENGL	315
6085	1000-1600	SPAN	181
6085	1600-1700	ENGL	181
6085	1700-1900	SPAN	181
6085	1900-1945	ENGL	181
6175	0900-1045	PORT	160
6875	0400-0600	ENGL	355
6875	0600-0700	SPAN	355
6875	0700-1100	ENGL	355
6875	1100-1145	SPAN	355
6915	2100-0045	SPAN	160
6985	0000-0445	ENGL	355
6985	2300-0000	FREN	355
7520	0000-0100	ENGL	142
7520	0100-0145	PORT	142
7520	0500-0545	SPAN	222
7520	0600-0745	ENGL	44
7520	2200-2300	SPAN	142
7520	2300-0000	PORT	142
7570	0100-0200	SPAN	160
7730	1100-1200	ENGL	222
7730	1200-1345	SPAN	222
7730	0300-0400	PORT	160
7730	0400-0445	SPAN	160
7730	0500-0600	GERM	44
7730	0600-0700	ROMA	44
7730	0700-0745	POLI	44
9340	0500-0600	ARAB	87
9340	0600-0700	FREN	87
9340	0700-0845	ENGL	87
9355	0400-0500	RUSS	44
9355	0500-0600	ARAB	44
9355	0600-0700	FREN	44
9355	0700-0745	SPAN	44
9355	1100-1145	SPAN	160
9385	0200-0300	ENGL	222
9385	0300-0345	SPAN	222
9505	0000-0445	ENGL	315
9505	0504-0700	SPAN	222
9505	0700-0800	ENGL	222
9505	0800-0945	SPAN	222
9550	0800-1100	SPAN	160
9550	1100-1145	ENGL	160
9605	0800-1045	PORT	142

9605	1100-1345	SPAN	222	
9625	0800-1000	PORT	140	
9625	1000-1100	FREN	140	
9625	1100-1200	ENGL	140	
9625	1200-1245	PORT	140	
9680	0300-0400	SPAN	315	
9680	0400-0700	ENGL	315	
9680	0700-0745	SPAN	315	
9715	0300-1145	SPAN	285	
9755	0900-1145	ENGL	285	
9985	0300-0445	SPAN	160	
9985	0500-0600	SPAN	44	
9985	0600-0700	ITAL	44	
9985	0700-0745	PORT	44	
11530	2300-0100	SPAN	160	
11530	0100-0200	PORT	160	
11530	0200-0300	SPAN	160	
11530	0500-0600	FREN	87	
11530	0600-0700	ENGL	87	
11530	0700-0800	ARAB	87	
11530	0800-0845	FREN	87	
11530	0400-0445	PORT	87	
11550	0100-0345	PORT	142	
11580	0500-0600	FREN	44	
11580	0600-0700	ENGL	44	
11580	0700-0745	GERM	44	
11580	2300-0000	ENGL	160	
11580	0000-0100	PORT	160	
11580	0100-0345	SPAN	160	
11670	1400-1545	SPAN	222	
11740	0200-0300	SPAN	222	
11740	0300-0400	ENGL	222	
11740	0400-0445	SPAN	222	
11740	2200-2345	ENGL	315	
11770	0800-1045	PORT	142	
11830	1300-1645	ENGL	315	
11835	0000-0200	SPAN	285	*
11835	0200-0245	ENGL	285	*
11855	0800-1145	SPAN	160	
11855	2000-0145	SPAN	222	
11865	1300-1400	ENGL	315	
11865	1400-1500	SPAN	315	
11865	1500-1600	MAND	315	
11865	1600-1645	ENGL	315	
11910	1300-1600	ENGL	355	
11910	1600-1645	FREN	355	
11970	0800-1000	SPAN	151	

11970	1000-1100	FREN	151	
11970	1100-1300	SPAN	151	
11970	1300-1400	FREN	151	
11970	1400-1545	SPAN	151	
13615	1700-1800	SPAN	315	
13615	1800-2145	ENGL	315	
13690	1700-2000	ENGL	355	
13690	2000-2100	SPAN	355	
13690	2100-2145	ENGL	355	
13695	1200-1300	FREN	355	
13695	1300-1400	MAND	355	
13695	1400-1500	ENGL	355	
13695	1500-1600	SPAN	355	
13695	1600-1700	ENGL	355	
13800	1200-1545	SPAN	160	
15130	1200-2345	SPAN	285	*
15190	2200-0045	PORT	142	
15255	2200-2300	SPAN	151	
15255	2300-0000	ENGL	151	
15255	0000-0100	FREN	151	
15255	0100-0300	SPAN	151	
15255	0300-0400	ENGL	151	
15255	0400-0445	SPAN	151	
15440	2200-0200	ENGL	285	
15600	1900-2000	RUSS	44	
15600	2000-2100	ROMA	44	
15600	2100-2200	SPAN	44	
15600	2200-2245	FREN	44	
15695	2000-2100	GERM	44	
15695	2100-2145	PORT	44	
15770	1200-1400	SPAN	160	
15770	1400-1500	PORT	160	
15770	1500-1545	ENGL	160	
15770	1600-1645	ARAB	44	
15770	2100-2200	PORT	87	
15770	2200-2245	ENGL	87	
17555	1200-1300	ENGL	160	
17555	1300-1400	PORT	160	
17555	1400-1545	SPAN	160	
17725	1700-2000	PORT	140	
17725	2000-2100	ENGL	140	
17725	2100-2200	FREN	140	
17725	2200-2300	PORT	140	
17725	0000-0100	PORT	140	
17725	0100-0145	SPAN	140	

17750	1700-1800	GERM	44
17750	1800-1900	ITAL	44
17750	1900-2000	ARAB	44
17750	2000-2045	ENGL	44
17795	1200-2145	ENGL	285
17845	1800-2200	ENGL	87
17845	2200-2245	ARAB	87
17885	1700-1745	FREN	87
18930	1600-1800	RUSS	44
18930	1800-1900	FREN	44
18930	1900-2000	ENGL	44
18930	2000-2100	POLI	44
18930	2100-2145	ARAB	44
18980	1400-1500	SPAN	142
18980	1500-1545	PORT	142
18980	1600-2145	ENGL	44
21455	1600-1800	ENGL	44
21455	1800-1900	GERM	44
21455	1900-1945	FREN	44
21525	1600-1700	ENGL	87
21525	1700-1800	PORT	87
21525	1800-2000	FREN	87
21525	2000-2045	ARAB	87
21670	1600-1700	SPAN	44
21670	1700-1800	ITAL	44
21670	1800-1845	SPAN	44

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LANG	TIME (UTC)	FREQ (KHZ)	AZ	
ARAB	0500-0600	9340	87	
ARAB	0500-0600	9355	44	
ARAB	0700-0800	11530	87	
ARAB	1600-1645	15770	44	
ARAB	1900-2000	17750	44	
ARAB	2200-2245	17845	87	
ARAB	2100-2145	18930	44	
ARAB	2000-2045	21525	87	
CANT	0600-0700	5985	315	
ENGL	0600-0700	5850	181	*
ENGL	1000-1245	5950	355	
ENGL	2200-0100	5950	355	
ENGL	0700-0845	5950	285	

ENGL	0200-0300	5985	181	*
ENGL	0700-1245	5985	315	
ENGL	1600-1700	6085	181	
ENGL	1900-1945	6085	181	
ENGL	0400-0600	6875	355	
ENGL	0700-1100	6875	355	
ENGL	0000-0445	6985	355	
ENGL	0000-0100	7520	142	
ENGL	0600-0745	7520	44	
ENGL	1100-1200	7730	222	
ENGL	0700-0845	9340	87	
ENGL	0200-0300	9385	222	
ENGL	0000-0445	9505	315	
ENGL	0700-0800	9505	222	
ENGL	1100-1145	9550	160	
ENGL	1100-1200	9625	140	
ENGL	0400-0700	9680	315	
ENGL	0900-1145	9755	285	
ENGL	0600-0700	11530	87	
ENGL	0600-0700	11580	44	
ENGL	2300-0000	11580	160	
ENGL	0300-0400	11740	222	
ENGL	2200-2345	11740	315	
ENGL	1300-1645	11830	315	
ENGL	0200-0245	11835	285	*
ENGL	1300-1400	11865	315	
ENGL	1600-1645	11865	315	
ENGL	1300-1600	11910	355	
ENGL	1800-2145	13615	315	
ENGL	1700-2000	13690	355	
ENGL	2100-2145	13690	355	
ENGL	1400-1500	13695	355	
ENGL	1600-1700	13695	355	
ENGL	2300-0000	15255	151	
ENGL	0300-0400	15255	151	
ENGL	2200-0200	15440	285	
ENGL	1500-1545	15770	160	
ENGL	2200-2245	15770	87	
ENGL	1200-1300	17555	160	
ENGL	2000-2100	17725	140	
ENGL	2000-2045	17750	44	

ENGL	1200-2145	17795	285
ENGL	1800-2200	17845	87
ENGL	1900-2000	18930	44
ENGL	1600-2145	18980	44
ENGL	1600-1800	21455	44
ENGL	1600-1700	21525	87
FREN	2300-0000	6985	355
FREN	0600-0700	9340	87
FREN	0600-0700	9355	44
FREN	1000-1100	9625	140
FREN	0500-0600	11530	87
FREN	0800-0845	11530	87
FREN	0500-0600	11580	44
FREN	1600-1645	11910	355
FREN	1000-1100	11970	151
FREN	1300-1400	11970	151
FREN	1200-1300	13695	355
FREN	0000-0100	15255	151
FREN	2200-2245	15600	44
FREN	2100-2200	17725	140
FREN	1700-1745	17885	87
FREN	1800-1900	18930	44
FREN	1900-1945	21455	44
FREN	1800-2000	21525	87
GERM	0500-0600	7730	44
GERM	0700-0745	11580	44
GERM	2000-2100	15695	44
GERM	1700-1800	17750	44
GERM	1800-1900	21455	44
ITAL	0600-0700	9985	44
ITAL	1800-1900	17750	44
ITAL	1700-1800	21670	44
MAND	0500-0600	5985	315
MAND	1500-1600	11865	315
MAND	1300-1400	13695	355
POLI	0700-0745	7730	44
POLI	2000-2100	18930	44
PORT	0900-1045	6175	160
PORT	0100-0145	7520	142
PORT	2300-0000	7520	142

PORT	0300-0400	7730	160	
PORT	0800-1045	9605	142	
PORT	0800-1000	9625	140	
PORT	1200-1245	9625	140	
PORT	0700-0745	9985	44	
PORT	0100-0200	11530	160	
PORT	0400-0445	11530	87	
PORT	0100-0345	11550	142	
PORT	0000-0100	11580	160	
PORT	0800-1045	11770	142	
PORT	2200-0045	15190	142	
PORT	2100-2145	15695	44	
PORT	1400-1500	15770	160	
PORT	2100-2200	15770	87	
PORT	1300-1400	17555	160	
PORT	1700-2000	17725	140	
PORT	2200-2300	17725	140	
PORT	0000-0100	17725	140	
PORT	1500-1545	18980	142	
PORT	1700-1800	21525	87	
ROMA	0600-0700	7730	44	
ROMA	2000-2100	15600	44	
RUSS	0400-0500	9355	44	
RUSS	1900-2000	15600	44	
RUSS	1600-1800	18930	44	
SPAN	0500-0600	5850	181	*
SPAN	0700-0945	5850	181	*
SPAN	0900-1000	5950	355	
SPAN	0100-0200	5950	355	
SPAN	2000-0200	5985	181	*
SPAN	0300-0445	5985	181	*
SPAN	1000-1600	6085	181	
SPAN	1700-1900	6085	181	
SPAN	0600-0700	6875	355	
SPAN	1100-1145	6875	355	
SPAN	2100-0045	6915	160	
SPAN	0500-0545	7520	222	
SPAN	2200-2300	7520	142	
SPAN	0100-0200	7570	160	
SPAN	1200-1345	7730	222	
SPAN	0400-0445	7730	160	
SPAN	0700-0745	9355	44	

SPAN	1100-1145	9355	160	
SPAN	0300-0345	9385	222	
SPAN	0504-0700	9505	222	
SPAN	0800-0945	9505	222	
SPAN	0800-1100	9550	160	
SPAN	1100-1345	9605	222	
SPAN	0300-0400	9680	315	
SPAN	0700-0745	9680	315	
SPAN	0300-1145	9715	285	*
SPAN	0300-0445	9985	160	
SPAN	0500-0600	9985	44	
SPAN	2300-0100	11530	160	
SPAN	0200-0300	11530	160	
SPAN	0100-0345	11580	160	
SPAN	1400-1545	11670	222	
SPAN	0200-0300	11740	222	
SPAN	0400-0445	11740	222	
SPAN	0000-0200	11835	285	*
SPAN	0800-1145	11855	160	
SPAN	2000-0145	11855	222	
SPAN	1400-1500	11865	315	
SPAN	0800-1000	11970	151	
SPAN	1100-1300	11970	151	
SPAN	1400-1545	11970	151	
SPAN	1700-1800	13615	315	
SPAN	2000-2100	13690	355	
SPAN	1500-1600	13695	355	
SPAN	1200-1545	13800	160	
SPAN	1200-2345	15130	285	*
SPAN	2200-2300	15255	151	
SPAN	0100-0300	15255	151	
SPAN	0400-0445	15255	151	
SPAN	2100-2200	15600	44	
SPAN	1200-1400	15770	160	
SPAN	1400-1545	17555	160	
SPAN	0100-0145	17725	140	
SPAN	1400-1500	18980	142	
SPAN	1600-1700	21670	44	
SPAN	1800-1845	21670	44	

(Evelyn Marcy, WYFR Okeechobee, Feb 18, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Note: the above schedules concern the original Okeechobee site only;

unfortunately, FR does not availablize the rest of its schedule via numerous overseas relays in this form; and they are always changing

** U S A [and non]. 9955, WRMI, UT Fri Feb 19 at 0110 with revived ``Eat Soccer`` show; 0124 English talk about Cuba, new 0115 time for CDHD Brigade 2506. So WORLD OF RADIO shifted to 0130. Signal was fading and by then I could just barely hear myself introducing #1500, but no jamming. WWCR still inbooming with PPP on 9980 causing some desensitization, no help. Meanwhile, on webcasts I confirmed that ACB Radio was running new WOR 1500 at 0100, but Area 51 was not, despite still being scheduled (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

The extra airings of Radio Rep˙blica (other than 10 pm-12 mn ET) will probably be temporary (Jeff White, WRMI 9955, Feb 19, DX LISTENING DIGEST, with a new program grid which we attached on the dxldyg, as usual in EST = UT -5.)

Such as M-F 11-13, 22-24 UT. 11-13 knox off various DX program repeats at 11-12, including two very temporary airings of World of Radio, and the Haiti hour at 12-13, shifted to 14-15 (gh)

WRMI, 9955, has moved its French-to-HaÔti hour from 12-13, to 14-15. Unfortunately, the old time was not completely jammed, but the new time has been constantly jammed even when not carrying anything counter-revolutionary, or even in Spanish. And it still is, nothing but noise at 1458 check Monday Feb 22. By 1501, jamming had diminished to pulses & beeps, and we could tell Radio Prague in English was there. By 1610, no jamming at all during AWR Wavescan, but fast SAH from co-channel Taiwan 9955.

WRMI, 9955: Feb 23 at 0640 The Link from RCI via WRN, good with no jamming. Would that RCI`s old non-incestuous programming had such wide distribution, e.g. also via CBC domestic.

Next check at 1250: R. Rep˙blica with discussion about Cuba, no jamming! The DCJC still hasn`t caught up with the latest WRMI schedule changes including RR at 11-13. At 1259 during closing RR theme and ID, jamming starts, just as it did when the 12-13 hour was not Spanish. See also CUBA [non] for more Rep˙blica.

1300 R. Libertad opens with time schedule on WRMI, ``transmitiendo desde el territorio libre de AmÈrica`` and they really mean it. ``De cubano a cubano`` program, interviewing someone in (from?) Matanzas about a political prisoner`s hunger strike. Wish I had caught his name, to do him justice, unlike the DentroCubans. [later: must have Orlando Zapata, who has just died from his strike, for which Ra˙l Castro apologized, obliquely]

Instead of the wall of noise we used to have at 13-15, the jamming remains relatively lite and programming remains near 100% readable, still at 1325. 1401 as WRMI switches to French for Haiti, signal to jamming ratio is about the same, still pulsing rather than wall. When that happens, it`s as if Cuba is saying, we are still here ready to hit you with full force but not at the moment (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 15550-USB, WJHR, poor signal Feb 20 at 1532 as the overconfident preacher references II Timothy: 3, with splatter from RDPI 15560 worst during applause and music. But Iran 15545 in Arabic weak and no problem today. WJHR still going at 1820 check, weak but now with no QRM (Glenn Hasuer, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

15550, QSL, WJHR, Milton, Florida: Unsatisfied with a short e-mail from the station, I re-sent my e-mail report by postal mail with a SASE, requesting a postal QSL. In about 10 days I received an ersatz QSL-card, specifically a piece of paper with station name, location, frequency, scheduled hours (0900-1700 CST [1500-2300 UT currently, but from mid-March 1400-2200 UT; however we have already heard them before 1500 --- gh]), but no specific reception details, taped to the back of a blank George S. Mock, WB4BFO QSL-card; also a short note on the back of a sheet of a business products letterhead thanks for listening, we just installed a log periodic, God will bless you for a donation. Tnx to tip from John Fisher-MA. Scans attached. (Jerry Berg-MA-USA, DXplorer Feb 14 via BC-DX 20 Feb via DXLD)

15550 USB, WJHR, Milton, FL, 1804-1815, Feb 20, fire and brimstone preacher. Still here at 1915, 2105 and 2200 checks. Good, strong signal (Brian Alexander, PA, DX Listening Digest)

My first listen to WJHR February 21, 2010 at 2122 until close down around 22 UT on 15550 USB. Screaming preacher sounding like a raving lunatic. Holy aspirin I have a headache. 73, (Kraig Krist, Manassas VA, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

15550, WJHR, Milton FL (presumed): 2117, 21-Feb; Screaming preacher about the last days; "Thank God we're pulling out of here before the tribulation." (Amen!) SIO=353, USB, mute audio (Harold Frodge, Midland MI, USA, Drake R8B + 125 ft. bow-tie; 85 ft. RW & 180 ft. center-fed RW, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A [non]. Since BBCWS has quit its special Creole service to Haiti, that reverts 9410 to WHRI-available programming Sat & Sun 12-13. Once upon a time, DXing with Cumbre was scheduled both days at 1200, so I check Sat Feb 20 at 1207: not even on the air, just hearing the China radio war weakly between Fu Hsing, and CNR5 per Aoki (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. WWRB with Brother Scare at 1322 Feb 19 on BOTH 3185 and 9385, as he was talking about the times he can be heard in the New York area. We had thought a single transmitter switched from one frequency to the other, but since time is far from sold-out, WWRB has a spare so they may as well overlap them for a while.

9385, WWRB at 1437 Feb 23, BS audio cutting on and off, mostly off. Wiggle that patchcord! On second thought, don`t (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) See also QRM from WTJC

** U S A. Further evidence that the home-made WTJC 9370 transmitter is a POS: Feb 23 at 1252, it`s way out of whack, extreme distortion spreading 9325-9400 with gospel music; clearest spot at the moment is around 9350. Its noise interferes with many other stations, in fact extending into BBC/WHRI 9410 and even unto 9420 at times.

In case there is any doubt, could make out a WTJC ID at 1300. 1324, ranges 9320-9410, at least peaking around proper 9370, and now QRMs even WWRB/BS on 9385. At 1345 covers 9335-9400, i.e. from North Korea to Sweden, with very distorted peak around 9370. At 1436, 9340-9400 but mostly on 9370 with music, very distorted and unlistenable. The same thing has happened periodically; an AM station doing this might get cited by the FCC.

9340-9420, WTJC spurs missing, and so is its fundamental 9369v, Feb 24 at 1343. No doubt because it was way out of whack the day before, as in our last report. This audiblized Firedrake on 9365; see CHINA (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9370, WTJC, Doing my usual morning check of US stations and found these guys missing. I called them and they say they are off the air due to a transmitter problem. No word on when they will be back on. The transmitter that used to operate on 5920 is not available as it is being refurbished to operate on 9370. They will not be returning to 5920 (Hans Johnson, Naples, Florida, Cumbredx mailing list via DXLD)

9369v, WTJC still off the air Feb 25 at 1411 and later chex thru 1645, for the second day, following going totally haywire beforeyesterday. We can only hope and pray, that while waiting for Jesus to come, they will really work on fixing it this time before putting it back on the air (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. Re 10-07: WEWN --- Glenn, The radio engineers are looking into the spur actively. Have you found it to be on one particular or multiple transmitter(s)? Can you provide me with any frequencies you have noticed as problematic? I have written to a few DX Clubs asking them to monitor for WEWN and report any superfluous activity

concerning our frequencies. I will then report their findings to the radio engineers.

We have currently ceased broadcasting 9390, but plan on returning to that frequency A10. Hopefully, the spurious activity will be taken care of by March 28.

Thank you in advance for your valued and respected input (Glen Tapley, Affiliate Engineer Manager, EWTN Television Network, 5817 Old Leeds Road, Birmingham, Alabama 35210, Feb 19, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

15610, WEWN with solid S9+12 signal tnx to sporadic E patch over Arkansas halfway between, Feb 20 at 1518. With BFO on, mushy parasitic spurs also audible around 15600 and 15620.

Looking over the WEWN frequency schedule, I would say from numerous logs over the past months that these frequencies radiate the spurs: 15610, 13835, 11520, i.e. the English service.

Have not noticed it from Spanish frequencies 5810, 7555, 11870, 12050. I think I have noticed it with other Spanish frequencies 11550, 13830 altho not logged lately.

It seems the hash always accompanies one of the transmitters, but audibility depends on strength of the fundamental, and they are also more obvious when another station risks running only 10 kHz away, e.g. WYFR on 11530, 15600, WWCR on 13845.

Has another frequency replaced 9390, or is that transmitter just off the air for the rest of the season during those hours, 09-13? It still shows on your online schedule (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Glenn, Thanks for the info. It seems, then, that one transmitter, in particular, is causing the problem. The radio engs are looking into it and hopefully, will correct the situation. The 9390 freq is off the air now. Evidently, that specific frequency was throwing major spurs and we do not want to interfere with other broadcasters. I'll alert the on-line folks to remove it from the web sched. In that the engs are working on the transmitter, we hope to return to 9390 A10. Once we do return to 9390 A10 and if not too much of an invasion of your time, I would certainly appreciate your input. I am attempting to alert as many DX clubs and our own monitors to let me know what they find (Glen Tapley, WEWN, Feb 21, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9390 appears to be from the same transmitter putting out the spurs I have been complaining about on other frequencies; it was on the air at 09-13 only, so I was unlikely to notice them.

Glen Tapley of WEWN tells me they are working on eliminating the spurs from one of their transmitters, the one carrying English, and have even taken one of its frequencies off the air, 9390 at 09-13 which was 335 degrees for China. But when on 13835 at 1414 Feb 24 it`s still wiping out PMS on WWCR 13845 with hash (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. Correlating with lite 50 MHz skip activity as displayed on DX Sherlock, a bit later at 1550 UT Feb 20, Michigan to south Texas, I had been getting WEWN, q.v., with solid S9+12 signal on 15610 at 1518 check, flanked by much weaker but unwelcome spurs 15600 and 15620; and also solid S9+15 from WWCR 15825 and 13845 at 1517.

Another 6m ham contact was displayed between Colorado and the TX Gulf coast SW of Houston, which also correlates with large steady S9+18 signal thanks to that other Es patch over west Texas, from KJES NM, Feb 20 at 1537 on 11715, with adult reading verses in stilted 17th-century English, way over lite het from RVA via VATICAN which is on-frequency unlike KJES, Catholix vs pseudo-Catholix. KJES modulation somewhat distorted and low, but sufficient considering the signal strength.

Is anyone else correlating SWBC signal levels in North America with sporadic E openings which may or may not reach VHF? I don`t see any such reports. This is quite obvious when stations normally too close, in their skip-zone by F2 layer, inboom instead. Altho it helps to have been a VHF DXer for 55 years.

From before 1600 past 1800 UT I also monitored channel 2 for signs of analog TVDX from Mexico, but MUF did not make it, and 6m activity map also cleared up. Zero activity also on the TV/FM Skip Log! (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 9975, no sign whatsoever of KVOH on this frequency at 0308 check Feb 19, despite having registered itself here season after season, currently in B-09 per FCC at 01-08 and 13-15, 50 kW, 100 degrees like 17775 in between. I challenge anyone to axually hear KVOH on 9975; otherwise delete all listings for it on that frequency.

17775, KVOH at 1605 Feb 22, must have just come on at 1600 as not there a few minutes earlier; now S9+18 on fundamental, enough signal to bring with it the spurs: 17920v typical noise with periodic bronx cheers from the ute databurster entitled to this frequency; and as usual, much weaker trace of KVOH spur around 17630, tho clear with CRI Bamako finished at 1600, and still no sign of a reactivated Africa Number One, Gabon (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 9265, WINB at 1348 Feb 24 with convicted, sentenced, and

imprisoned for 175 years, child-sex evangelist Tony Al·mo, mumbling about why try to hide your sins? And interfering with CODAR 9245-9275. I am beginning to wonder if the judicial process overlooked his continuing radio ``ministry`` where menstruation is the key (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 4050, KWMO Washington MO third harmonic can also be heard earlier than my usual 06-07 UT logs: Feb 19 at 0219 M&W talking, probably an ad; 0304 music, so not much news if any on the hour. Quite weak and presumed as per previous definite IDs, no other 1350s harmonicizing like this (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 1540, China Radio International, Feb 19 at 0645 tune-in to ``Everyday Chinese`` language lessons, and IDed as such about once a minute. Not // CRI via Sackville 6115. Steady S9+20 signal atop multiple SAHs, occasional fades but remains dominant past 0700 UT despite using my unfavorably-oriented E-W longwire on the FRG-7. Modulation very good. 0653 changed to ``Tips of the Chinese Culture``, the very title of which suggests they need some English lessons. 0655 announcement as ``China Now, from CRI, Beyond Beijing``; song. Kept listening to catch a local ID around hourtop, but there was none!! Violation!! 0700 into CRI news starting with denunciation of Dalai Lama being received at the White House and the ``harm`` that has done to Sino-American relations.

Apparently this feed, as IDed above is different from what goes out on SW. Of course, 1540 is KGBC Galveston TX, which at the beginning of the year sold out to the ChiComs with a fulltime relay of CRI. Thank you, KGBC for advancing Chinese imperialist anti-Tibet propaganda.

Yes, CHIN Toronto also relays CRI part-time, but it`s a rarity here. And besides, CHIN is running Rai in Italian at this time per http://www.chinradio.com/radio-programs?sch2=1

I think I logged KGBC long ago, when it was a real local station, but not lately. It`s 2.5 kW day, 250 watts night, and with a null, tho not a deep one, at 350 degrees OKward at night. Daytime pattern is broader without such a null. Thus we suspect the latter was really in use at midnight.

KGBC has an application to move to ``Dayton`` TX, closer to Houston, increase power to 5 kW day, reduce to 187 watts night, and with similar patterns from two different sites, but surely that is not on yet even to test, as a CP has not been granted, per FCC AM Query (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) See also CHINA [non]

** U S A. World's longest delayed QSL? Just received in the mail today a QSL from WMBI 1140 Chicago IL. This was sent in November 1999, and I

sent no follow-up. The CE says he is retiring and cleaning out old files. He had held my letter until he got new QSLs printed, but then lost track.

The letter was received at my old Rochester address, handed over to my former wife by the new owner who bought the place from her two years ago, and hand-delivered to me today! I wonder how many decades-old QSLs have failed to reach me because I have moved? (Jim Renfrew, Holley NY, 19 Feb, NRC-AM via DXLD) See also SWEDEN

** U S A. This is the infamous station that has been throwing the massive het on 1040 kHz for the past Month or so. Finally got some audio out of these guys after listening to their off-frequency het every night for quite some time!! RADIO USED --- SONY SRF-T615 ULR Barefoot:

1040, WJTB, North Ridgeville, OHIO, Feb/23/10, 1738 EST, EE, FAIR. Black Gospel Music Program at Tune In. "The Afternoon Praise Party with Ace Alexander". (Matches their Program Schedule). Throwing a loud het as well on the frequency. In WHO Null but mixing at times with WHO. More Gospel Music til 1800 EST then ID as WJTB. 5 KW DAYS 73. (VA3SW, Robert S. Ross, London, Ontario CANADA, NRC-AM via DXLD)

Does it vary, or stay around 1040.2 where I presumably heard it? (gh, DXLD)

** U S A. PERFORMANCE TAX PROPOSED FOR RADIO

I'm not sure if many have heard about this yet. I heard a PSA on one of the Denver FM's yesterday regarding this. Technically, it is a royalty fee. There is a bill making its way through Congress that would end OTA radio in the United States playing music to the airwaves for FREE, if passed. It`s estimated that there are currently 235 million radio listeners on a daily average in the States and that songwriters and performers are missing out on billions of dollars from FREE music. The NAB set up a website almost a year ago to publicize this. http://www.noperformancetax.org/ (Jim Thomas, wdx0fbu, Milliken, Colorado, (40 miles north of Denver), 19 Feb, WTFDA via DXLD)

This one has made the rounds already, and doesn't have much chance of passage - any more than the parallel one about a bill which will eliminate OTA TV. Any special interest group can find a modest number of willing sponsors to help it to further its own ends (Russ Edmunds, WB2BJH, Blue Bell, PA, ibid.)

** URUGUAY [and non]. 6045 USB, R SarandÌ, Montevideo, 0204, Feb 07, male in Spanish with bassy voice giving formal ID which I think included the AM frequency (690) followed by guitar/harmonica blues

song in Spanish; sounded like the power might have increased, fair (Graham Bell, Cape Town, South Africa, DSWCI DX Window Feb 17 via DXLD)

Yet, ZIMBABWE has been reported erratically on this frequency around this time, by Ron Howard, CA, but also by Bell earlier --- (gh)

6045, ZBC, Gweru, 2310, Feb 01, hi-tempo repetitive vocals, anchor in Shona with alleluiaís and ìRadio Zimbabweî. (Bell, op. cit.)

** VANUATU. Radio Vanuatu Second Shortwave Transmitter on Air --- I have just heard Radio Vanuatu on the new frequency of 5054.97, noted with very good signals at 0715 UT on 19 February with talk in Pidgin about a cyclone. Running parallel to usual 3945 which was slightly better reception. There was nothing on 5055 when I did a 60 metre bandscan at 0600, and I focused on logging Radio Apintie 4990 until rechecking the frequency just now

An update on the new frequency from Vanuatu. Adrian Sainsbury, Frequency Manager at RNZI advises that yesterday was the first day on 5055 and the transmitter is only 1.5 kW on 5055 at present. It will be operating 24 hours a day over the next few days (open carrier noted at 1815 UTC but nothing evident at 0515 UTC check). Adrian also advises there will be some tests on 7260 kHz at some stage (Bryan Clark, Mangawhai, New Zealand, Feb 19, AOR7030+ and EWEs to NE, E & SE, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1501, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Radio Vanuatu is observed on 3945 kHz between 1830-1215. Second SW transmitter is reported testing on 5055 kHz (WRTH Domestic update Feb 19 via DXLD)

Thanks Bryan's tip, checking for this at 1005 on a computer receiver in Australia. Untraced on 5054 but nice signal on 3945 with news in Pidgin read by man and an ID within a minute of tuning in (Hans Johnson, Naples, Florida, Feb 19, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Bryan, your neighbour Steve White is the RNZ transmitter specialist and is on repairing t o u r to Vanuatu and the Solomon Islands at present. 73 wb (Wolfgang B¸schel, ibid.)

5055.000, Radio Vanuatu, 0740, Pidgin, fading-in with talk by a woman and island music. Parallel 3945. So, I wonder if 7260 is also on the air? Feb 19 (David Sharp, NSW Australia, FT-950, NRD-535D etc., 0907 Feb 20, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) Did you mean heard Feb 20, just before sending this report? (gh)

Heard at 0947 on both 5055 and 3945, nice signal on both. Nothing on 7260 for the moment. This via a remote receiver in Australia (Hans

Johnson, FL, Feb 20, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

5055, R. Vanuatu recorded from 0700 to 1100 on 2/21. Barely discernible audio at half-hour checks. Seemed best after 0930 to 1100 stop. QRM from 5050 started at 0957.5. If I could have seen the QRM pattern, the Perseus could have been set to eliminate the adjacent channel QRM. Will try that with a later recording from 1100 to 1400 tonight (Bruce Churchill, Fallbrook CA, Cumbre DX via DXLD)

R. Vanuatu on 5054.97 kHz continues service after 1400 UT on Feb. 21. Start 24 hour service? (S. Hasegawa, Japan, NDXC, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

5055, Radio Vanuatu presumed at 1410 through 1505, mix of instrumental, English and French music, including Shania Twain. No announcements, including on the half hour and hour. Nothing heard on 3925. Fair Feb 22 (Harold Sellers, Vernon BC, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) You mean 3945 (gh) See also NEW ZEALAND

5055, UNID [Vanuatu, Radio Vanuatu ?] Some audio but not enough, 1000 to 1020 23 Feb (Robert Wilkner, Pompano Beach, Florida, Drake R8, Icom 746proDL, 60 meter band dipole, 41 meter band dipole, HCDX via DXLD)

R. Vanuatu is reported to have started testing its new 5055 kHz transmitter, 24 hours? This must be it, nothing else on 5055, Feb 23 at 1330, some very weak music, singing, and very slightly on the lo side compared to JOZ 6055 with the FRG-7 MHz tuning. This chex with Bryan Clark`s first log of it at an earlier hour Feb 19 on 5054.97.

1331 bothered by some co-channel 2-way SSB in Spanish, but intermittent. Also occasional beeps, unsure from them or this; more of that at 1333. I was not hearing anything on 5055 earlier around 1240 or 1300.

Our local sunrise today was 1310 UT; in less than a month at equinox it will of course be at 1232 = 0600 LMT, so we are rapidly losing our morning DX window (Glenn Hauser, Enid OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1501, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Or rather it is shifting earlier, inconvenient for the sleeper (gh)

** VATICAN [non]. 9660, Feb 19 at 0310, news of South Africa, Nigeria in English, OM with accent I was trying to place, maybe Channel Africa? No, soon IDed as ``the daily African service of Vatican Radio``, 0312 into a cultural talk.

Good signal, and no wonder: it`s via MADAGASCAR, 335 degrees usward at 0300-0430, with more via there at 0430-0500 295 degrees, 0500-0530 more English at 265 degrees. At 0530 site switches back to Santa Maria

di Galeria for another sesquihour, at 175, then from 0600, 200 degrees
(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) See also SUDAN [non]

** VENEZUELA. RCTV RELANZO CANAL INTERNACIONAL
   RedacciÛn Aol Noticias y servicios combinados. -

El presidente de la televisiÛn venezolana RCTV Internacinal, Marcel Granier anunciÛ el lanzamiento de dos nuevos canales, tras el cierre ordenado por la ComisiÛn Nacional de Telecomunicaciones (Conatel) por incumplir la normativa del sector.

El presidente del canal opositor al gobierno de Hugo Ch·vez precisÛ que el canal por cable, RCTV Mundo, tendr· contenidos fundamentalmente internacionales, mientras que RCTV Internaciona se ajustar· a la ley que forzÛ su salida del aire en el mes de enero. . . [more] COPIADO DE
http://noticias.aol.com/articulos/_a/lanzamiento-canal-rctv/20100222172309990001
Cordiales 73 (via Oscar de CÈspedes, condiglist yg via DXLD)

** VENEZUELA. AL" CIUDADANO INICI" TRANSMISIONES EN RADIO CARACAS RADIO

Caracas.- El programa de opiniÛn "AlÛ Ciudadano" regresÛ este miÈrcoles a la radio caraqueÒa a travÈs de la emisora Radio Caracas Radio (dial 750), anunciÛ su conductor, Leopoldo Castillo al reincorporarse al frente de este espacio de radio y televisiÛn.
Fuente:
http://deportes.eluniversal.com/2010/02/17/pol_ava_alo-ciudadano-inicio_17A3446411.shtml
(Via Yimber Gaviria, Colombia, DXLD)

** VENEZUELA. PRESIDENTE CH¡VEZ INAUGURAR¡ LA RADIO DEL SUR
   http://www.laradiodelsur.com/

Prensa RRII RNV, 23 Febrero 2010, 09:38 PM

La Radio del Sur nace bajo el impulso del presidente de la Rep˙blica Bolivariana de Venezuela Hugo Ch·vez FrÌas, para rescatar los valores, culturales e histÛricos, asÌ como las luchas revolucionarias de ayer y de hoy de AmÈrica, El Caribe, ¡frica y el Sur del mundo.

El acto de lanzamiento se llevar· a cabo este jueves 25 de febrero, en el Teatro Municipal a las 11:00 de la maÒana, el cual contar· con una programaciÛn especial a partir de las 08:00 de la maÒana. Al evento asistir·n representantes de movimiento sociales, de medios comunitarios y alternativos.

Esta nueva herramienta de comunicaciÛn cuenta en su programaciÛn con m˙sica venezolana, latinoamericana, africana y ·rabe. El 60% de la

programaciÛn es producida en Caracas en los estudios de La Radio del Sur, mientras que el resto son espacios elaborados por las radios aliadas de toda AmÈrica Latina y el Caribe.

Se destaca en su emisiÛn semanal, la transmisiÛn de tres noticieros, "Voces del Sur" matutina, meridiana y estelar, y el programa que acerca a los movimientos sociales del continente "La Voz de Nuestros Pueblos" de lunes a viernes, a partir de las 08:00 de la noche

Por otro lado, La Red de emisoras aliadas de La Radio del Sur est· conformada en el continente americano por mas de 100 radios; en el ¡frica cuenta con Radio de Gambia, Radio Benin, Radio Internacional de Argelia, Radio Nacional de Angola y Radio Nacional de Libia, y en el continente asi·tico con la Voz de Ir·n, la Voz de Vietnam y la Radio Nacional de China.

La presidenta de Radio Nacional de Venezuela, Helena Salcedo, calificÛ a La Radio del Sur como "una valiosa experiencia porque recoge el quehacer radial de muchos paÌses y pone en evidencia la integraciÛn y la solidaridad".

Igualmente, destacÛ Salcedo que los contenidos informativos de La Radio del Sur, est·n en sintonÌa con los tiempos que "estamos viviendo, buscando la educaciÛn de los usuarios e informando de manera oportuna, con credibilidad, sin sesgo y sin mediatizaciÛn".

En Venezuela, la Radio del Sur se escucha en Caracas, su sede principal por la 98.5 FM, en Valencia estado Carabobo 101.5 FM; en Barquisimeto estado Lara 97.3 FM, Guarenas Guatire estado Miranda 107.1 FM; en Santa B·rbara de Barinas 97.3 FM; en la Guaira estado vargas 98.7 FM, en MÈrida 96.7 FM, en San Fernando de Apure 95.9 FM, en Barcelona y Puerto La Cruz 96.7 FM.

La Radio del Sur se escucha para el resto del mundo en tiempo real en su sitio web www.laradiodelsur.com
fuente: http://www.rnv.gov.ve/noticias/?act=ST&f=29&t=120668
(Via Yimber Gaviria, Colombia, Feb 23, DXLD)

So not to be confused with the shortwave station supposedly imminent (gh, DXLD)

** VIETNAM. VOV1 for Gulf of Tonkin on 7435, 9635 and 11720 kHz has been extended to 24h (WRTH Domestic update Feb 19 via DXLD)

** WESTERN SAHARA [non]. CLANDESTINE, 1550, Polisario Front, Rabouni, ALGERIA, 2304-, 21 Feb'10, Castilian, songs, talks; 55544; \\ 6297 silent for days. 73, (Carlos GonÁalves, PORTUGAL, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ZIMBABWE [non]. via Madagascar, 11610, R. Voice of the People, *0400-0435, Feb 20, sign on with opening English/vernacular ID announcements and into vernacular talk. Short breaks of African music. Poor. Weak in noisy conditions. Lost in noise by 0435 (Brian Alexander, PA, DX Listening Digest)

UNIDENTIFIED. 3249.636, 0000 several nights, weak en espaÒol? (Robert Wilkner, Pompano Beach, Florida, 19 Feb, Drake R8, Icom 746proDL, 60 meter band dipole, 41 meterband dipole, HCDX via DXLD) Honduras varies this far? See also HONDURAS!

UNIDENTIFIED. Det jag mellan varven lyssnat pÂ %r bara de gamla vanliga asiaterna som fˆrekommer ofta i tipsspalten. En kommentar till SAís loggning i fˆrr numret pÂ 4755. Jag hˆrde samma station fˆrsta gÂngen den 10/1 med ryska frÂn 15 till 16 dÂ den avslutade med Internationalen, men d%refter fortsatte med ett nytt sprÂk liknande arabiska. N%r jag lyssnade idag 20/2 hade stationen drivit till 4755.060 och kˆrde program identiskt med tidigare loggning.

BÂda gÂngerna verkade det som det lÂg ytterligare en station i bakgrunden eller eventuellt ytterligare en av misstag inkopplad mikrofon. Dˆm sedan om min fˆrvÂning n%r jag rattade runt pÂ bandet och fann samma station bÂde pÂ 4705 och 4655 kHz! Har inte lyckats att identifiera den, men verkar ligga bortÂt Asien baserat att b%sta hˆrbarheten har jag pÂ en 70 graders antenn. Vi fÂr se vem som kn%cker denna station, om det inte redan %r gjort! (Olle Bjurstrˆm, Sweden, Shortwave Bulletin Feb 21 via DXLD)

I have in between been listening to the usual same old Asian stations often seen in the loggings. A commentary to Stig Adolfsson's logging in previous issue on 4755. I heard the same station the first time Jan 10 in Russian from 15 to 16 when finishing with the International, but after that continuing with a language like Arabic. When I listened today Feb 20 the station had drifted to 4755.060 and with identical programming.

Both times it seemed there was another station in the background or perhaps a microphone connected by mistake. I was astonished when I tuned around and found the same station on 4705 and 4655 kHz! I have not been able to identify the station but it seems it is coming from Asia somewhere as the best reception is on my 70 degree antenna. Let`s see who will identify this station if not already in this SWB issue! Olle Bjurstrˆm (translated by SWB editor Thomas Nilsson for DX LISTENING DIGEST)

4755, Re Stig's unID; There's been for some time now a CIS/RUS mixing product on 4755. I haven't checked which frequencies are involved,

possibly a MW frequency minus 6 MHz frequency or 7 MHz minus 6 MHz freq. There are two audios audible. The dominant is Russian language in parallel to for example 5940. They come on the air on 4755 a few minutes before 1500 UT. The weaker audio is giving at that time the normal CIS type tuning tones. Well, when I heard this first time weeks ago, I was hoping for something exotic, but no :-) (Best 73, Jari Savolainen)

Exotic enough, at least until IDed. Very interesting. Seems like a mixing product, especially with the two audios. Would they really be playing the International in post-Soviet Russia or vicinity, backsliding so much? A simple leapfrog over 5940 to land on 4755 would have to come from 7125, no longer a viable frequency (gh, DXLD)

UNIDENTIFIED. 5930/AM Morse Code at about 16 WPM including the following segment:

AR AR AR GDARA GDARA GDARA GDARA GDARA BT BT BT
DNIDT GRIDA GGGTR RUWTG GGTUT RWNRW UADRA TDUIN GNUID TRIAW
TTWWR AIIRI DRDRT DNUDA AWNRA GRITU RTRUT TRWRT TAANU NWURR
ARIUU RWATN UUGUI INTAN TTWTI TNNGV URDGG TWRNA NGUUD GNUTU
etc.

I assume this is some sort of CW 'numbers' station, but it was REALLY strong! Cuba? Why code? Dunno! I had noticed an OC on this channel at around 0530 which was probably this station as it was also very strong and in the clear. The code stopped at 0632 but the carrier remained on long after. SIO 4+4+4+ 0610-0635 14/Feb (Kenneth Vito Zichi, Williamston MI, MARE Tipsheet 19 Feb via DXLD)

This was exactly the same time I logged it, 0614 Feb 14 as in 10-07. Ken apparently does not read DXLD or my widely-posted logs; but there is some satisfaxion in self-discovery.

This is obviously just a typical Cuban spy-letters, ``cut numbers`` transmission, just on a different in-band frequency than usual (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED [non]. 5980, 6030, Jamming? This was made this morning. If this QRM was electrical or coming from a nearby source it more than likely would be spread out through the band. Any ideas?
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CeH7P_A1rAM
(Rocky Rodenbach, Feb 17, ptsw yg via DXLD)

That is Cuban jamming against Radio MartÌ, which uses both 5980 and 6030 kHz. Except apparently this was at a time when RM is not really on those frequencies, but Cuba runs the jamming anyway. Hearing just the pulses means it may be only one transmitter each instead of a

pileup which overlap each other to make a ``wall of noise`` when they are really serious about jamming. When you have something needing identification, please specify the time. Regards, (Glenn Hauser, ibid.)

Thanks! Sorry about that, the time was 0958 hours. I usually pick up Radio Marti around 10 PM some nights (Rocky, ibid.)

Since your log was on a Wednesday, RM should have been on both frequencies at 0958, altho it could not be heard. Only on UT Mondays are they silent until 1000, and sometimes the jamming is too (gh, DXLD)

UNIDENTIFIED [non]. 7130/7160/7190/7220. Kuwait rotatable Thomson antenna tests 250 kW Transmitter there (UNID in DX-Window no. 395); due the 2 x 250 kW units from former Holzkirchen are ready yet at Kuwait site. I guess, and they are testing Thomson antenna ON AIR, like on a claviature to test every frequency apart of 30 kHz distance in each meterband, using some Arabic Quran / music stuff (Wolfgang Bueschel, Feb 04, DSWCI DX Window Feb 17 via DXLD))

Sounds plausible but is this still just a guess? (gh, DXLD)

UNIDENTIFIED. 7375, 2340-0000*, Feb 13, Chinese talks, could it be China Business R which is on the frequency at 1000-1600? 34333. (Kaj Bredahl J¯rgensen, Greve, Denmark, DSWCI DX Window Feb 17 via DXLD)

Nagoya schedule as of Feb 14 still only said 1000-1600, but maybe completely new? (DSWCI Ed. Anker Petersen, ibid.)

UNIDENTIFIED. 13645, something here 1600-1700 Fri & Sat --- could it be V. of Southern Azerbaijan? See IRAN [non]

UNIDENTIFIED. 18760, very weak and fluttery station at 1452 Feb 24 with talk, sounds like a broadcaster and therefore a second harmonic from 9380. After hearing Per˙ again on 18057.9, I was carefully searching up the band for more harmonix. Still at 1457 slightly past 1500 but not audible by 1501.

Coincidentally I had been monitoring 9380 earlier with Firedrake, presumably vs Sound of Hope, but that was off when checked at 1453. The only other station scheduled on 9380 at 14-15 per Aoki is: DW via Pridnestrovye, 300 kW, 105 degrees in Pashto and Urdu, so likely its leftover on 18760. WWRB, 18770, was inaudible today as we were getting long F2 skip, not short sporadic E (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

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UNSOLICITED TESTIMONIALS
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Dear Glenn, I have been keen interest you your news around the world along the hard core dx com web sites. Informative and nice. I have received a new programme pamphlet from The Voice of Turkey last a few weeks. I tried to translate into English and send it to you. I think that some of time or frequency changes in the mean time. Hope that very useful for you. Sincerely (Mustafa CANKURT, Turkey, Feb 19, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

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WRTH NATIONAL RADIO UPDATE

Upload of February 19th. http://www.wrth.com/updates_national.html (Patrick Robic-AUT, A-DX Feb 20 via Wolfgang B¸schel, dxldyg via DXLD)

Had been expecting this for some time; later than usual this Feb. A few items from it not already covered in DXLD are in this issue (gh)

CARIBBEAN RADIO DATABASE (FM)

Ol· pessoal, Mais uma vers„o do Caribbean Radio Database est· disponÌvel em: http://archangelo.net/temp/carib-2.4.xls
(Fl·vio PY2ZX Archangelo, via Horacio Nigro, condiglist yg via DXLD)

Includes FM lists by frequency, channel with annotations whether heard in Brasil, etc. Also TV, other bands (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

CONVENTIONS & CONFERENCES
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READING INTERNATIONAL RADIO GROUP

The next meeting of the Reading International Radio Group will be on Saturday February 27 in Room 3, Reading International Solidarity Centre, 35-39 London Street, Reading at 2.30 p.m.

The meeting will look at German propaganda broadcasting to the UK in the Second World War, how this was monitored as well as Luxembourg's role in broadcasting propaganda from both sides and the BBC's broadcasting to Germany. This will include audio material from the recently released BBC Archives collection. We will also finish looking at the history of radio commercials in the UK as well as other current

and historical radio related items and audio extracts.

All are welcome. For more information email me or phone 01462 643899. <mikewb @ dircon.co.uk> Mike Barraclough, Feb 21, worlddxclub yg via DXLD)

RADIO PHILATELY
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NATIONAL RADIO OF COLOMBIA - 70TH ANNIVERSARY

Dear friends: National Radio of Colombia, in South America, is commemorating its 70th anniversary. A special postmark was issued for this event. More details at: http://www.afitecol.com/?p=2738
Text is in Spanish. Have fun (FABIO FLOSI, radiostamps yg via DXLD)

Here`s the cover with the cancellation on an unrelated stamp:
http://www.afitecol.com/wp-content/uploads/2010/02/MPRadioSobre.jpg
(Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

MUSEA see also CANADA
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H-Net Review Publication: 'A Gem of a Look at Public Broadcasting'

Hugh Richard Slotten. Radio's Hidden Voice: The Origins of Public Broadcasting in the United States. Urbana University of Illinois Press, 2009. Illustrations. viii + 325 pp. $50.00 (cloth), ISBN 978-0-252-03447-3.

Reviewed by Carol Atkinson
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Commissioned by Donna Harrington-Lueker

A Gem of a Look at Public Broadcasting

A gem of a look at the birth of public broadcasting from personal correspondence to perfectly reproduced photographs, Hugh Richard Slotten's _Radio's Hidden Voice_ brings the birth of public broadcasting to life. The pioneers of public service, noncommercial radio were primarily from U.S. universities: engineers, faculty from a variety of disciplines, and students with incredible opportunities to create a new medium from the ground up. Slotten takes a rather expansive premise: to tell the story of these early pioneers, to show how their experiences intermingled with the birth and evolution of commercial radio, and then to trace how the medium nearly strangled and died with the growth of governmental regulation.

The archival work Slotten undertook to complete this book is impressive; the documents he used are rare and serve as a strong foundation for further research that could amplify each university's role in the growth of the medium. These pioneers' personal stories and letters, some professional and some personal, give the reader a glimpse into the fun, the successes, and, of course, the failures of early noncommercial radio.

The book opens dramatically: "A few days after Christmas in 1929, Ralph Goddard died while regulating equipment in the generator room of the radio station at New Mexico State Agricultural and Mechanical College. Goddard, a professor in the school's engineering department, was forty-two years old. The circumstances of his death remain unclear--no one witnessed the accident--but he seemed to have been electrocuted after walking from the studio in a drizzle to the building that housed the generator. The fatal spark could have been conducted by moisture on his shoes and on the wooden stick he used to adjust the generators." This event marked the end of an era for the radio station KOB (p. 1).

Through a myriad of primary sources and stories, such as Goddard's, Slotten demonstrates how faculty dabbled in technology first, with students generating master's theses from their new designs for transmission. The growth of content closely paralleled the technology. With university faculty and students creating this new medium, content emerged from faculty lectures and research. In fact, Slotten writes, "the scripts of the first lectures at the University of Wisconsin (WHA) were read by station announcers because the faculty did not consider speaking into a microphone a dignified practice" (p. 43).

Aided by an increasing mass of amateur radio enthusiasts, these professors and students built crude radio sets and marketed them. "'Any boy can set up a receiving out-fit.... The apparatus will cost about $10 so that there is no reason why the [weather] forecast can not be received in every Village and on every farm where there is an intelligent boy, by 11 AM,'" wrote University of Wisconsin physics professor Earle Terry in 1916 (p. 25).

Adding to the richness of Terry's personal letters included in this text, even one to his mother, is a superbly reproduced photo of him in his dusty lab peering through a small scope (p. 13). Faculty also wrote manuals that taught purchasers how to build a set, and sometimes consumers could buy a partially constructed set to finish on their own.

As faculty members with loyalties to the academy, these radio pioneers saw the value in promoting their own schools. They partnered

with administrators, governing boards, and, sometimes, state legislatures, to carve out ways in which radio could serve as a public service to the people in the university's market area and to promote enrollment and university stature. Their focus was on public service, improved transmission, reception, and educational content. And, of course, that educational content meant faculty lectures (noted above); informative talks by experts in business, education, and government; and classical music and jazz.

Slotten provides details of the newly refurbished facilities at WHA at the University of Wisconsin during the 1930s: "The visitors' lounge was particularly unique. An instructor in the art department designed the modernistic furniture made by local cabinetmakers using native Wisconsin oak. The lampshades were shaped like Indian 'tom-toms.' A sandstone frieze on the walls of the room reproduced Indian petroglyphs from cave walls in Wisconsin. The prehistoric carvings represented animals native to the state. The rugs on the floor as well as cushions on the couches and chairs were made by Native Americans" (p. 180). Slotten does not mention what happened to this incredible work of art nor whether the visitors' lounge is still a part of one of the oldest radio stations in the nation.

While all this program creativity and technological entrepreneurship expanded throughout the early 1900s, commercial broadcasting was emerging, as was governmental regulation. The tension that grew among these players was significant. Slotten does a good job pointing the reader to the tighter and tighter stranglehold these latter two behemoths had on public radio, on its educational mission, and on the stations' vitality and the station operators' dreams of uplifting their listeners.

Radio amateurs certainly gave considerable support to faculty members in the early days of radio, but these same amateurs began to see the value in commercializing the medium, too. Universities were tied to their region, so their content remained localized and informative. The commercial interests found value in the network system, providing more and more programming at a cheaper cost.

As Slotten writes: "If, beginning in the late 1920s, commercial networks worked to standardize American society to better serve national advertisers promoting a homogenized ethic of consumption, educational stations committed to noncommercial ideas affirmed connections to local communities with targeted programming, personnel, and listening practices" (p. 79).

This standardization to better serve national advertisers did not change when Herbert Hoover and the Department of Commerce began to regulate radio in the early 1920s and then codified it all in the

1927 Radio Act. Mass entertainment and network connections were at the heart of the regulation, Slotten notes, but the vague and ill-defined public interest standard apparently represented Hoover's own ambiguity regarding the superiority of commercial broadcasting versus noncommercial radio. Hoover believed the market would drive the growth and development of radio, with the caveat that all radio should be educational and informative, not purely entertaining.

The Federal Radio Commission (FRC), however, viewed the commercial interests as the only practical method of radio growth, maturity, and financial health. Thus, the FRC used its regulatory powers to provide substantial airtime and preferential frequencies to commercial stations. Small, low-powered stations, often owned and operated by individuals with a unique personal perspective on the world, were given less desirable frequencies. The FRC also began to label some of these small operations as "propaganda" stations, and unfortunately, smaller, lower-powered university stations fell into that category.

When the commission began to allow stations to compete for frequencies, it came as little surprise that the commercial stations had the power and the financial resources to send their best and brightest to argue for superior frequencies. University station managers, reliant on university financial support, often had to go to Washington themselves without legal counsel, or had no funding to go anywhere and were given the poorest of frequencies. Noncommercial broadcasting began to experience a decline, not because of content, but because of commercial competition and federal regulation.

Slotten's treatment of the period after the 1930s is less focused, primarily because of the vast array of influences on the growing medium. Adding to government and commercial interests, noncommercial radio also had to deal with the rise of television and the impact it had on every medium in existence. And by the postwar years, noncommercial radio became recognizable for us in the twenty-first century. A participant "in the establishment of public broadcasting argues that WGBH and other community stations 'represented something of a noblesse oblige: the responsibility of the educated, the prosperous, and the privileged to look after the less fortunate majority'" (p. 242).

Slotten's information surrounding the Public Broadcasting Act of 1967 draws together a variety of voices trying not only to regulate but also to steward the medium's growth. And Slotten provides a clear look into the whys of this medium's new label, "public broadcasting, " which included both radio and television. The act created The Corporation for Public Broadcasting and the Public Broadcasting System (PBS), and under it, PBS was not allowed to develop its own programming while its sister, National Pubic Radio (NPR), was

required to do so. One result:

"From the beginning NPR faced an essential tension in its operations. A number of early leaders of the new network were not convinced that public radio should move away from the traditional academic focus on excellence and quality. They believed that expert opinion and structured presentation were more important than cutting-edge experimentation and a diversity of voices. This tension was partly inherited from educational radio as practiced by broadcast stations at state universities. University stations often had conflicting objectives: in some cases, to mainly serve all citizens with useful, educational programming and, in other cases, to mainly seek to 'educate the educated'" (p. 248).

By the 1980s, this tension had permutated into political pressure for both radio and television to find their own sources of funding. Corporate contributions and listener support became bywords of financial solvency. Slotten notes that despite this change, the fundamental patterns created by noncommercial broadcasting pioneers still held--educational, uplifting, and informative.

The archival work unearthing personal letters and photographs constitute much of this book's allure. The significant number of primary sources, such as those discussed above, and the photographs of the major and minor players in this burgeoning medium are impressive. Indeed, Slotten's work stirred this writer's own interest in the history of her own university's public radio and television stations (and finding but a few fragments, there is work to be done here).

The weaving of several threads of events--the rise of commercial radio, the development and changes in governmental regulation, and the personal stories of the noncommercial radio developers--is admittedly not always seamless. There are some problems with reliability of the index, as well as some contradictions in assumptions. However, this book is priceless in its extent of archival work. The flavor of the people and the places that gave birth to noncommercial radio are housed in these pages, and for that Slotten has provide us with a true gem.

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DIGITAL BROADCASTING --- IBOC
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IBOC LA

I hooked up my Sony XDR-F1HD the other night. It's far from a permanent setup -- the radio is perched on a box, the FM antenna is draped over a table, the AM loop is setting on top of a printer -- but it was enough to do a quick tour of the bands.

This was my first attempt to decode IBOC here in the Los Angeles area. In the two other places I've tried, Orlando and Chicago, the AM stations, with the one exception of Radio Disney, all sounded tinny and far worse in "HD" than they did in normal analog. I was curious about what KFI sounded like with their new transmitter.

Sadly, to my ear, they sound just as tinny and clearly digitized as all the other AM talk stations I've heard in "HD". They sound better in analog. What's worse, they used to sound great in "wide" mode on the Superadio3, now it's unlistenable due to the IBOC interference. I was unable to get a HD lock on the local Disney station, though I have no reason to doubt they sound as good as the others I've heard.

I don't get it. Why go to the expense and trouble of adding IBOC and then put out a signal that sounds horrible? The Disney stations show it doesn't have to be that way. It's certainly not like KFI can't afford the engineers to get it right.

The only other semi-rational explanation I can come up with involves some kind of conspiracy among radio engineers who hate IBOC and are forced to install it by management. So they install it, but purposely make it sound tinny and worse than their analog signal.

I ended up spending most of this session listening to an analog FM station playing some great jazz (Jay Heyl, Feb 20, ABDX via DXLD)

Jay, Your experience matches mine. Whenever I am in my wife's car listening to AM, I can hear it flipping between HD and analog. Analog always sounds better to me. While HD does seem to have more low-end, which isn't all that unpleasant, the highs are so harsh and distorted that it just annoys me. Most of my experience is with KNX and KFWB since those are the ones I listen to the most (though I don't listen to KFWB much since they went to talk), but the same applies to KFI.

I suppose I should play with the options a bit and see if I can turn off AM HD without affecting FM. I doubt it.

One other annoyance of my wife's radio is that HD is definitely treated as an afterthought. You can't set a preset for a specific HD-2/3. If you are listening to an HD-2 and then turn off the car, then when you come back, it goes back to the HD-1 and you have to manually put it back on HD-2. Obviously JVC doesn't treat the HD-2/3 channels as though they were separate stations (Brian Leyton, ibid.)

KFI for decades used to be the cutting-edge AM station as far as technology and sound-quality went. With that, KFI still remains the **ONLY** AM iBOC "holdout" station in the L.A. area running only monaural audio through their HD encoder. The rest - KNX, KFWB, KSPN, KBRT, and KDIS - are all sending STEREO content over their HD. Why a station like KFI would want to PURPOSELY get rid of a decent-sounding stereo airchain and THEN invest in an upgrade to HD (unless their engineering department has a tin ear or something) is something I just can't comprehend. It sounds plain backward to me.

Would you replace your Blu-Ray DVD system with a monaural VHS player, and THEN go out and buy a 5-speaker Dolby 5.1 home theater system and plasma television? It's the year 2010 - KFI needs to either get with the times technologically, or DROP their iBOC, and quit wasting bandwidth that can be utilized more efficiently for the comparatively meager task they wish to accomplish acoustically.

KDIS 1110 and KSPN 710 have the best-sounding audio with KNX being a close second; KFI has the worst, with a really noticeable high-pitched 'ringing', bad equalization, heavy artifacting, and monaural sound.

And, since KFMB 760 complained about KBRT 740's iBOC, causing KBRT to nearly completely eliminate their upper sideband, KBRT's HD lock is nearly impossible to achieve now unless you're right next to the coast (Darwin Long, Simi Valley, CA, ibid.)

THIS REEKS OF DESPERATION:

iBiquity Reduces Licensing Fees For Radio Stations
By Joseph Palenchar -- TWICE, 2/9/2010
http://www.twice.com/article/448495-iBiquity_Reduces_Licensing_Fees_For_Radio_Stations.php

Columbia, MD - HD Radio developer iBiquity Digital wants to accelerate digital radio adoption by reducing its one-time licensing fee for radio stations and offering them an installment option for the first time.

"Radio is now the last entertainment medium to convert from analog to digital, and we want to do all we can to help broadcasters upgrade and deliver the highest quality listening experience to their listeners and generate incremental revenue from new digital offerings," said iBiquity president/CEO Robert Struble.

The fee drops to $10,000 from $25,000 for payment in full with a signed contract. The cost goes to $12,500 if payments are made over a 12-month period. The "flexible, cost-effective licensing options [will] make upgrading easier," Struble said.

"More than 2,000 stations broadcast HD Radio signals, and it's a good time for more stations to join in," he continued, because in calendar 2010, 80 vehicle models will incorporate HD Radio receivers, with 36 of them offering HD Radio as standard equipment.

In addition, more than 100 different HD Radio receivers are available through more than 14,000 brick-and-mortar and online retailers, and earlier this month, the Federal Communications Commission allowed HD Radio FM stations to immediately raise their digital power from 1 percent of analog power to 4 percent to increase digital-signal range and in-building penetration, Struble said. Stations also got the right to apply for a maximum boost to 10 percent of analog power if they can show it won't interfere with other stations' signals (via Kevin Redding, TN, Feb 19, ABDX via DXLD)

It is all over except for the bankruptcy. Unfortunately, it could be 20 years or more before all of the broadcast equipment is ultimately taken out of service and the final curtain drops on this failed experiment (Bruce Carter, TX, ibid.)

You can load the DRM software and go. But..... but ..... WHY? (Powell E. Way III, W4OPW, ibid.) Don`t give them any ideas (gh)

DIGITAL BROADCASTING --- DRM see also BELGIUM; INDIA; NEW ZEALAND
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DRM TEST TO INDIA, WHENCE?

I received on 17590 kHz in Hindi to display a label of CVC Test India (ID: E1C305) from 0937 (tune in) on Feb. 18. Where is this transmitter site? Screen shot by Show in Owari-Asahi, Near Nagoya.
http://bcl2isid2jp.cocolog-nifty.com/photos/uncategorized/2010/02/18/100218_17590p1n_1831e.jpg
(S. Hasegawa, Japan, NDXC, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Last year CVC used same frequency 17590 for tests via Juelich,

Germany, these tests are scheduled for RadioAsia http://www.radioasia.org conference in New Delhi during 22-24 Feb 2010. ---- (Alokesh Gupta, New Delhi, ibid.)

CVC Special DRM Transmission to India for RadioAsia conference in New Delhi from Juelich, Germany.

Date : 22-24 Feb 2010
Language : Hindi
Frequency : 17590 kHz
Time : 0830-1230 UTC

Reception Reports appreciated. ---- (Alokesh Gupta, VU3BSE, New Delhi, India, Feb 18 ibid.)

INDIA: 23 Feb 10, 1215 UTC, 17590 kHz, CVC DRM. ID: CVC Test India; SNR: very poor at 8.5dB; DRM Mode C at 9.18 kbps, mono.

No audio recovered, signal just not strong enough for demodulation but solid ID obtained using PC 'Dream' software and unmodified Racal RA1792 (16 kHz B/W filter with -6kHz BFO offset in CW mode) with the ALA1530. I will try earlier tomorrow in the hope that propagation is more favourable. I am certain that if this was an analogue signal, I would have had no problems listening to it as it was a decent strength, but obviously not clear enough for digital - such is the price of 'progression'.

Regards, (Sean Gilbert, International Editor - WRTH (World Radio TV Handbook) Email: sean.gilbert@wrth.com Web: http://www.wrth.com RX : Icom IC756PRO; Racal RA1792 ANT : 15.5m Inverted Vee @ 10m; ALA1530 @ 3m ibid.)

SPECIAL DIGITAL TRANSMISSIONS FOR RADIO ASIA CONFERENCE IN NEW DELHI

London, 19th Feb 2010: Radio specialists assembling for the Radio Asia 2010 Conference, to be held from 22nd -24th Feb in New Delhi, will be able to hear some high quality digital broadcasts via Digital Radio Mondiale (DRM) technology. This yearís Radio Asia Conference (RAC) looks at the digital future of radio with its overall title ëJourney to Digital Landí. DRM is the global digital technology which can convert analogue broadcasts to digital thus significantly improving the audio quality and bringing many other benefits to broadcasters and listeners through its added features.

British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) is going to broadcast three hours in DRM everyday from 22nd- 26th February from 04:29:30 - 07:29:00 GMT (09:59:30 - 12:59:00 IST) on 17760 kHz. For the first time this year the broadcast will start with the daily Hindi programme

followed by current affairs in English. Christian Vision Radio (CVC) will run DRM transmissions from 22nd -24th February from 0830-1230 UTC (2pm-6pm IST) on 17590 kHz. The programmes will be in Hindi.

All India Radio (AIR) already has a daily DRM SW broadcast from its transmitter in Khampur, Delhi. They air three hours of local transmission within India from 1430 to 1730 IST on 6100 kHz.

AIR recently placed a contract for 2 MW medium wave transmitters to BECIL (Broadcast Engineering Consultants India Limited). BECIL and Thomson were awarded to supply these high-power medium wave transmitters including auxiliaries, commissioning and testing. The new transmitters will replace old existing transmitters near Kolkata and Rajkot. Both transmitters are equipped with DRM and can operate on analogue, on simulcast or on full power digital with automatic change over between the 3 operation modes.

Special demos of DRM30 (meant for converting SW, MW, AM broadcasts) and DRM+ (meant for converting FM Bands I and II) will be held on the sidelines of the conference. RAC participants will be able to hear these transmissions as well as learn more about DRM and its potential at various sessions and also during the specialised DRM workshop scheduled for February 22nd a.m.

ìWe are delighted that the BBC and CVC will be transmitting these special programmes for Radio Asia,î ABU Secretary-General, David Astley said. ìIt will enable delegates who may not be so familiar with DRM to hear first-hand the improvement in sound quality that the technology provides.î

DRM is also the principal sponsor of Radio Asia 2010 and DRM Consortium Chair, Ruxandra Obreja, expressed hope that it will be a great success, ìRadio Asia is being held in India for the first time and is already shaping as a significant radio event with industry representatives having committed to attend. This will be a great occasion to showcase the tremendous potential of DRM and how it can change the future of radio broadcasting for good. We extend our thanks to broadcasters who are putting in the special DRM transmissions for this event and making it even more useful for the participants.î (DRM Consortium Press Release via Alokesh Gupta, New Delhi, Feb 19, dxldyg via DXLD)

RADIO EQUIPMENT FORUM
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INTERFERENCE FROM HF RADAR TO WWCR

Glenn: I'm an radio ham from southern California. Recently some of us

in our local ham club have been noticing pestiferous swishing noises in the area from 4.1-5.5 MHz. I found out from the Digital signals guy from Monitoring Time magazine that they are CODARS -- radars to map offshore ocean currents, http://www.codar.com

We have found that they are operated from Scripps in San Diego and they have their own website http://www.sccoos.org -- There are at least 35 of these things along the California Coast with more in Oregon.

So far, we have found three of the CODARS interfering with the Coast Guard weather broadcast frequency at 4426 kHz at night. After telling them about it, it looks like they are cutting off the worst one at night at Morro bay -- the Oregon ones are still on. We have a club member who is in the Coast Guard and is handling the problem internally.

Separate from that, they are operating a whole another bunch from 4.66 to 4.79 MHz, which gets into the 60m broadcast band and at least three are right on top of WWCR's broadcast currently at 4775. I've told the station about that. Kind of amusing --- right-wing religious programs being jammed by oceanographers.

These CODARS are on experimental licenses, which aren't apparently being managed too well by the FCC -- they are all over the place. Wonder if you have been hearing anything about CODAR interference from other people (Kriss Larson, KR6ISS, Feb 18, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Kriss, Thanks for the report. Please keep me informed about any further restrictions of CODAR. Sure, DX listeners have been complaining about this ever since it started a few years ago, especially on the 60 m tropical broadcast band.

Odd thing is that CODAR would probably have a case against WWCR [4775] since it`s a fixed band in the US, not a broadcast band. WWCR is very strong here, so CODAR is the loser. There`s more CODAR at various spots above 4800. 73, (Glenn Hauser, to Kriss, via DXLD)

UK PLANE-SPOTTERS 'ADMIT MONITORING AIRCRAFT' IN INDIA

Stephen Hampton (l) and Steven Ayres, (r) The pair sparked suspicion after asking for a hotel room overlooking a runway

Two UK plane-spotters have admitted illegally monitoring aircraft in India, the MP fighting for their return home said. Stephen Hampton, 46 and Steven Ayres, 56, both from Bristol, have been released on bail after being charged with intercepting communications.

MP Dan Morris said the men had pleaded guilty to a breach under the Telegraph Act at Patiala House Court in Delhi. The men cannot leave India and their case has been adjourned until 3 March. ..
http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/uk_news/england/bristol/somerset/8530062.stm

One of some other stories linked about this:
http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/uk_news/england/bristol/somerset/8528476.stm

BBC is treating this as a local Bristol story, since the men are from there! But it has implications everywhere for those who dare to DX aircraft near airports. There was a similar case in Greece a few years ago. We first heard about this on BBC World News via OETA OKLA Feb 23 (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

FCC PROPOSING TV SPECTRUM AUCTION (Here We Go Again!!)

"Will permit broadcasters to give up spectrum in exchange for a share of the proceeds"

http://www.broadcastingcable.com/article/450763-FCC_Proposing_TV_Spectrum_Auction.php
(via Steve Rich, Indianapolis, IN, Feb 24, WTFDA via DXLD)

POWERLINE COMMUNICATIONS
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GRIM TIMES AHEAD FOR ALL RADIO USERS

Hi, This is Mike from UKQRM. We recently found out that PLT (powerline adaptors) that currently wipes out most of the shortwave spectrum are being pressed for that will use the spectrum from 2 to 300 MHz!

Yes, sounds incredible, I know. Ofcom have commissioned a study to look at victims; however, with the green light they have given to PLT up to now, I would not hold out much hope.

The RSGB as most of you will know are also hard at this fight with us. If you are concerned then please consider joining us. More info here.
http://www.ukqrm.org
Cheers (Mike, Feb 21, monitoring-matters yg via DXLD)

Hi Mike, Yes coupled with the shutdown of radio broadcasting below 200 MHz planned for 2015 it's a very worrying situation.

The emails released by Ofcom under an Freedom of Information request are of course on the UKQRM Yahoo group and there's a link to them at

http://www.southgatearc.org/news/february2010/ofcom_pla_emails.htm

The RSGB General Manager mentions the use of VHF by PLAs in his blog at http://www.rsgb.org/managersblog /
73 (Trevor M5AKA, ibid.)

PROPAGATION
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ODD DELAYS FROM INDIRECT PATHS

This morning monitored typical springtime echoes again - of 125 ms delay visible on Perseus screen - usually reported by Nils DK8OK in Austrian newsgroup.

0945 to 1015 UT report, echoes from East Asia. Kunming South China / Udorntani Thailand and Singapore too.

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15300ISS 15340SNG
15440KUN 15500BEI 15515UDO

13590BEI 13650Jammer 13765UDO
(Wolfgang B¸schel, Stuttgart, Germany, Feb 19, DX LITENING DIGEST)

Wolfy, So what is the cause of this? You don`t mention long-path/short path.

Let us take 10 megameters as the rough distance between Europe and East Asia, i.e. one quarter around the world. Therefore a long-path signal will travel 30 megameters, three times as far, and 30 minus 10 = 20 megameters difference. The speed of radio is 300 megameters per second, so 20/300 = 0.067 second, roughly half the delay reported.

In the same way, an LP signal of negligible short-path distance would travel 40 Mm further, which would take .133 second. This is close, and the SP/LP echoes I sometimes hear from WEWN or WWCR which are only 1 Mm away from me, and thus travel 38 Mm further, would be 0.127 second delayed.

Are you saying ISS and BIB also had these echoes, as included in your list? Surely the delay affecting ISS and BIB signals would be quite different in the same way compared to the echoes on E Asian signals, so if they are all 125 ms, there must be some other explanation.

Single-hop satellite feed delays are quite a different matter, and of course would not affect a single frequency. 73, (Glenn Hauser, ibid.)

Vielleicht gleich in Englisch, mit Gruss an Glenn:

Nils' paper doesn't deal with "real" RTW signals, but with "near" RTW signals. This means: transmitter & receiver are not at exactly the same place, but about 600 km apart. This also is the scenario, for which the cited paper is valid. The results are a follows:

* with transmitter and receiver some 700 km apart, the short path goes its textbook way, whereas the long path goes a crooked way. This way is some 2500 km shorter than that of the textbook long path. This is, what Nils found.

* with transmitter and receiver being apart a couple of 1000 km, the textbook version of long and short path seem to work properly
Nils' paper gives examples for both cases.

The not-so-new result is, that under specific conditions a "near" RTW can and will show a shorter delay as e.g. VoACAP suggests. This has been proven in praxi, as well as the Russian paper form 1975. Please find this paper attached, it costs about 32 US-$ to get it from the publisher's electronic resource ...

F¸r jedes Echo - auch auf diese Mail - dankbar: Nils, dk8ok
Schiffhauer (via Wolfgang B¸schel, DXLD)

Attached a 3-page pdf of the article which begins:

PROPAGATION OF ROUND-THE-WORLD AND BACK-ECHO SIGNALS OUTSIDE THE PLANE OF A GREAT CIRCLE
V. A. Bubnov and G. A. Rumyantsev UDC 550.388.2:621.373.3

Experimental data are reported for propagation of back-echo signals outside the plane of a great circle. The way in which the observed effects are influenced by the horizontally [inhomogeneous ionosphere of the twilight zone and the great circle of minimal ionospheric absorption is considered.

Experimental investigations carried out in the 1940's [1] have shown that back-echo signals (BS) may propagate around the earth with considerable azimuthal deviations from an arc of the great circle on which the corresponding points lie for separations of up to 1000 kin. Later research [2], conducted solely in the daytime, has disclosed that BS propagate chiefly in the plane of a great circle when the distance between the points is 3000 km. . . (via DXLD)

Starts off dealing with back-scatter which again is quite a different matter than full long-path, but does of course account for some echoes

(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGST)

The geomagnetic field was at quiet to active levels on 15-16 February, with an isolated minor storm period observed at high latitudes between 16/0900-1200 UTC. The increased levels were due to periods of enhancement of the interplanetary magnetic field (IMF) associated with a CME passage. The southward component of the IMF showed a minimum of -13 nT at 15/1752 UTC, and the total field showed a maximum of 14nT at 15/1815 UTC. Activity decreased to predominantly quiet levels on 17 February. On 18 February, quiet levels were observed at mid-latitudes, while quiet to unsettled, with a single active period was observed at high latitudes. Predominantly quiet levels were observed for the rest of the period.

FORECAST OF SOLAR AND GEOMAGNETIC ACTIVITY 24 FEBRUARY - 22 MARCH 2010

Solar activity is expected to be predominantly at very low levels through 31 January. Activity is expected to increase to predominantly low levels with a slight chance for isolated intervals of moderate levels from 01-15 February, as old Region 1045 is expected to return on 01 February. Predominantly very low levels are expected on 16 February through the rest of the period.

No proton events are expected at geosynchronous orbit. The greater than 2 MeV electron flux at geosynchronous orbit is expected to be at normal levels through most of the period.

The geomagnetic field is expected to be predominantly quiet for 24-28 February. Quiet to unsettled levels are expected on 01-02 March, due to a recurrent coronal hole high-speed stream. Quiet levels are expected to predominate for 03-14 March. Quiet, with isolated unsettled levels are expected on 15-16 March. Activity is expected to return to quiet levels for 17-22 March.

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# Prepared by the US Dept. of Commerce, NOAA, Space Weather Prediction
Center
# Product description and SWPC contact on the Web
# http://www.swpc.noaa.gov/wwire.html
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2010 Mar 21	76	5	2
2010 Mar 22	80	5	2

(SWPC via WORLD OF RADIO 1501, DXLD) ###